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Housewives Visit Capital, Fight High Price Bills

By Louise Mitchell
(Daily Worker Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, March 31.—New York City housewives and working men and women talked back to the "farm bloc" today by instructing their Congressmen to vote against all legislation which proposes to boost living costs and upset the President's stabilization program.

Turning their indignation and resentment against the real enemies of the nation who are attempting to wreck price control and rationing, the delegation called upon their representatives to take a leading role in the anti-inflation fight. Made up of labor-farmer-consumer representatives, the delegation was the largest seen here since the Pace and Bankhead bills appeared on the pre texts to knock the bottom out of the price control program.

BACK HOME APPEAL

Mothers of boys in the army, wives and sisters of men at the fighting fronts and in war plants asked their representatives to work for "a stable home economy, maximum production, maximum participation of all people and equitable distribution of necessary goods."

"We are opposed to any legislation that would raise prices," they told Congressman Celler in the Congress corridor, sharply criticizing him for voting for the Rizel bill. "Most of us will urge the President to veto the Bankhead bill. We all urge the Senate to repudiate the Pace bill."

Congressman Fitzpatrick, from the Bronx, was asked to tell OPA Chief Prentiss Brown that he supports grade labelling for canned goods. Price control without quality control is meaningless, he was informed.

"We want dollar and cents ceilings we can understand and enforce" they told Congressman O'Toole through his secretary. Congressman Eagle was nowhere to be found.

Strict enforcement of price ceilings means more funds for OPA and it means putting into operation the price volunteer plan already announced, said Colston Warne, head of Consumers Union to Walter Galbraith, First Assistant to Prentiss Brown in the Census Building.

ASKED PLANNED PROGRAM

In the matter of food production the delegation was heard by the Senate Committee on Agriculture. Mayer Parodnick of Consumer-Farmer Milk Cooperative, Lydia Altshuler, executive secretary of the Church of Overbrook, Chesterton and Warne told the committee that they support the National Farmers Union program of planned food production with assistance to small farmers in the form of money, fertilizer, manpower, use of machinery to help them raise more of the food we need.

"We want more of our resources used for essential crops, not for tobacco and cotton of which there is already a huge surplus. We repudiate the 'farm bloc' claim that high prices are the key to increased production."

Solomon Goiats, Counsel for the New Jersey Consumers Council also larly clothing was strongly urged.

Rationing of all goods, particu- asked that labor, farm and consumer representatives should be consulted and brought in at every stage of home planning. OPA, food distribution administration, ration boards and price hearings.

More than 35,000 signatures asking for immediate over-all rationing and dollar and cents ceilings were delivered to the White House for President Roosevelt in the after-

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Wouldn't Grade Cans, Sells Rotten Peaches to Tots

By Adam Lapin
(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, March 31. — The people took the offensive today against the $1,000,000 canners' lobby and the other selfish business interests which are trying to wreck effective price control.

From the OPA's Labor Policy Committee consisting of CIO and AFL leaders came a strongly worded demand to OPA Administrator Prentiss Brown for the removal of Lou Maxon, the agency's information director.

Maxon made a public statement allying himself with the powerful canners' lobby in opposition to grade labeling.

Recently appointed by Brown, Maxon is the head of a big Detroit advertising agency. Maxon's appointment was part of Brown's policy of naming business men to key administrative posts.

PRESSURE ON BROWN

The protest of OPA's Labor Policy Committee was thus directed against this entire policy of weakening OPA policies by bringing in officials who are not wholehearted in their support of price control and rationing.

It was also directed against the canners' lobby which has succeeded in bringing considerable pressure on Brown and on Congress.

Brown himself is said to be yielding under this pressure.

The OPA Labor Policy Committee was backed in its fight for grade labelling by a delegation of 50 women representing women, consumer and OCD groups which put the case for grade labelling before government officials and Congressmen.

The delegation met with Brown this afternoon, and left a statement at the White House for President Roosevelt.

The entire fight against the canning lobby was strengthened by the startling disclosure that one of its leading spokesmen has been charged

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Tomorrow---A New Column

The Daily Worker is pleased to announce that Isadore Begun, War Activities Director of the Communist Party, will write a weekly column, The Civilian Front, *which will appear every Friday. Watch for this feature starting tomorrow.*

Salute to a Great Ally

Several hundred service men of the United Nations inaugurated the Made Free Caudron series of United Nations Nights on Thursday by cheering the presentation of the Soviet flag. Pictured are Michael Cassavoy, secretary of the Soviet Consul General, who presented the flag, flanked by Peter Ellmer of the Soviet Navy and Rodjak Yurii of the Russian Merchant Marine. Mary Helen O'Boyle of the Canteen's Junior Committee, received the Soviet banner.

8 Million Pay Rise Put in City Budget

Salary increases totalling $8,000,000 for city employes were included in the 1943-1944 executive budget submitted to the Board of Estimate yesterday afternoon by Mayor LaGuardia.

Although the budget is $24,104,803 less than that of last year, clerks, typists and other city workers now receiving as low as $900 a year will, if the budget is adopted, have their minimums set at $1,200.

The State, County and Municipal Workers of America (CIO), which led the fight for the $1,200 minimum and general wage increases, stated the salary increases provided in the budget "represents a real victory for city workers."

UNION PUSHED FIGHT

The union had called a rally of city workers at City Hall to petition the Mayor for salary adjustments. It called the meeting off when it was learned their campaign had met with success.

The Board of Estimates set April 8, 2:30 P. M., and April 9, 10:30 A. M., as dates for public hearings on the budget.

The wage increases, the Mayor said, will cover approximately 51,000 workers.

He also announced that the separate Board of Transportation budget will include new increases in wages for transit workers totaling approximately $3,000,000.

This was seen as a gain for the Transport Workers Union in their hard up-hill fight for better wages for men on the subways. Recently the Board of Transportation had given the transit men increases totaling more than $1,000,000. The union had declared these increases inadequate to meet the rising living costs.

$47 MILLION BUDGET

The actual budget, as submitted by the Mayor, totals $745,101,868.14.

In order to meet the budget the real estate tax rate will be in the neighborhood of 2.94 or 2.95, the

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MAYOR LaGUARDIA

Browder Talks In B'klyn Tonight

Earl Browder, General Secretary of the Communist Party, will address a Communist recruiting rally to be held this evening in Aperion Manor, Kings Highway and East 8th St., Brooklyn, it was announced yesterday.

Mr. Browder will share the platform with and bring greetings to Communist Councilman Peter V. Cacchione, who will be guest of honor at the meeting.

Spokesmen of the Party organization in the 2nd and 18th Assembly District and the Ocean Front area, which are jointly sponsoring the meeting, stated that more than 150 new Communists will be formally inducted into the Party at the rally. Since the majority of the new members will be women, they expressed the hope that women's part in the war effort, and their importance to the Communist Party, will receive comment from both Mr. Browder and Mr. Cacchione.

This is the only recruiting meeting this spring to be addressed by Mr. Browder, they pointed out.

CIO and AFL Resume Unity Negotiations

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, March 31.—There were important developments on the labor front today as the CIO and AFL started a new round of unity negotiations and as the Labor Victory Committee prepared to meet with the President tomorrow.

At the White House meeting the CIO and AFL leaders on the Victory Committee are expected to present labor's demand for more vigorous price control and rationing and for adjustment of War Labor Board policy to meet the rising cost of living.

The labor peace negotiations which will resume tomorrow afternoon, after a three-hour session today are, however, confined at the insistence of the AFL to the narrow question of some of the narrow inter-union difficulties in the path of unity.

CIO PRESENTS PROGRAM

The CIO presented a detailed program for immediate collaboration with the AFL and for a joint win-the-war conference of the labor movement at the last unity negotiations.

But AFL spokesmen took the position that they were authorized only to discuss the problems of achieving organic unity with the AFL.

The immediate question which was discussed today at the opening was the AFL's demand for a so-called no-raiding agreement. No decision was arrived at, and there will be further discussion tomorrow.

This problem is complicated by the vigorous attack by some AFL leaders and particularly by John Frey of the AFL Metal Trades on the CIO and the National Labor Relations Board in the Kaiser case.

An agreement to submit jurisdictional disputes to arbitration was reached at the last unity negotiations a few months ago, with a clause protecting the legal rights of unions.

But the AFL insists on appointing a committee to meet with the CIO in ironing out jurisdictional differences. The CIO has a standing appeals committee prepared to meet on this question.

The CIO has taken the position that the agreement on jurisdictional disputes protects its unions against "sweetheart" or collusive contracts reached by some old-line AFL leaders with employers as in the Kaiser case.

The AFL, however, has termed the CIO's demand for a Labor Board election in the Kaiser case as "raiding."

These "sweetheart" agreements are believed to be one of the chief problems in th way of straightening out the jurisdictional tangles between the CIO and AFL.

British Take 2 Towns; Soviets Gain in North

Nazis Admit Retreat at Lake Ilmen

LONDON, March 31 (UP).—German forces have "shortened their front" in the Lake Ilmen area south of Leningrad, the Germans admitted today.

It was indicated that the newly shortened front is south of the lake, where the important town of Staraya Russa was an objective, but forced a German retreat said that the Red Army might soon be able to announce a victory.

A German high command communique admitted also that "grim and hard defensive fighting" continued south of Lake Ladoga, immediately east of Leningrad itself.

On the Smolensk front the Soviets were driving against heavy opposition into the German fortification belt which extends for more than 30 miles in depth.

After breaking through pill boxes in the key sector, where they had advanced to the area of Dukhovshchina, 32 miles northeast of Smolensk, the Soviet Wednesday reached the enemy's main system and in hand to hand fighting killed about one company of infantry and captured favorable positions, the Soviet Wednesday midday communique said.

West of the Dnieper River, where the Soviets are advancing along a line running northward from Dorogobush station on the Moscow-Smolensk railroad, the Red Army troops threw back a small counter-attack and scouts continued probing into the German lines.

The Red Army's famous field artillery opened up on the Germans along the Donets River front, dispersing tank and infantry concentrations and knocking out four enemy tanks. Three more German tanks were blown up when they started across a Soviet mine field.

Around the German Novorossisk bridgehead on the Black Sea coast, the Red Army captured a German defense base, the Soviet Wednesday noon bulletin said, and planes bombed enemy concentrations.

LONDON, March 31 (UP).—Reports reaching the Norwegian government in exile today said a transport carrying 630 German deserters from the north Russian front had arrived at a Norwegian port near Tromsoe.

Many of the deserters, the reports said, were suffering from frostbite. Some reportedly were shot by occupation troops for not responding quickly enough to orders.

Yugoslavs Win Bosnia Victories

(By Wireless to Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, March 31.—The Yugoslav People's Army, in a series of slashing victories in southern Bosnia, has occupied the town of Mrkonjic, on the Neretva River, says the Radio Free Yugoslavia broadcasts. The smaller centers of Skipovic and Ugo, nearby, were also occupied after operations that completely routed the Axis and Mihailovitch forces in the Mostar-Sarajevo area.

The People's Army also announced that after 35 days of uninterrupted fighting the enemy has been smashed in the Neretva River valley and the partisan positions along around Konjica, Mostar and Prozor have been stabilized.

[United Press dispatches yesterday quoted Belgrade sources as having urged the use of poison gas to wipe out the Yugoslav guerrillas in southern Bosnia. Minister Axis said to have backed an endorsement of the guerrillas last they said Allied operations in southern Europe this spring.]

Free Yugoslavia also reported offensive operations by the People's Army on other sectors. The Bosnian corps is now operating in the lower reaches of the Una River valley, and has occupied the town of Glamoc there.

Operations in this area have routed Italian troops fleeing from Sarajevo, and resulted in the capture of some ten carloads of flour, rice, and other foodstuffs. Serious fighting is reported at the town of Petas.

Croatian units working along the Lika railroad, are fighting hard at the township of Lovinac, where the Axis has lost some 600 killed and wounded in recent battles. [illegible] were killed in one engagement, three enemy tanks destroyed, some guns and 500 shells captured.

Juncture With U. S. Forces Seen Near

LONDON, March 31 (UP).—Four British submarines, operating against Axis supply lines to Tunisia, have sunk six enemy ships, seriously damaged four and destroyed a number of smaller vessels, the Admiralty announced tonight.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, North Africa, March 31 (UP).—British Eighth Army forces, steadily pushing through the Gabes bottleneck and seizing two more towns, were reported holding a highway terminal tonight only a 45-minute jeep drive from American troops forging ahead southeast of El Guettar.

A juncture of the two Allied armies was believed imminent.

The Eighth Army captured Mareth and Gabes, at the head of the bottleneck seven and nine miles from Gabes, yesterday, an Allied communique said, and was continuing to advance northward despite hastily thrown up Axis rear guard defenses.

Oudref is the coastal terminal of the hard-surfaced road to El Guettar and the Americans, having ended organized Axis resistance in that sector with the capture of a road junction 12 miles to the southeast, were now believed within less than 40 miles of the British and were still advancing.

Axis troops from the El Guettar sector were reported fleeing northeastward and their retreat, together with the loss of Gabes, appeared to have ended Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's last hope of keeping the two Allied forces apart.

PUNCH OUT AXIS TROOPS

The [illegible] Anglo-American offensive pinched off all remaining Axis positions below the Gabes-Oudref line and on the far north front British and French forces helped intensify the squeeze with powerful attacks which regained the Sedjenane road junction in a 10-mile drive.

Preponderant Allied air strength continued to bomb and gun Rommel's forces as they streamed beyond the bottleneck toward the next Axis supply port, Sfax, 75 miles above Gabes, where they may reorganize for a new defense.

(There still was no confirmation of an Algiers radio report yesterday that the British Navy had landed forces at Sfax and London authorities advised it be treated with reserve).

In addition to holding the initiative with major attacks on both sides of the southern front and in the north, the Allies maintained offensive land and aerial patrols over all the rest of the Tunisian battle area, official dispatches said.

(Radio France broadcast a report from Algiers that violent fighting was raging in the Camellia sector

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Ask 'AEF' from Latin America

(Daily Worker Foreign Department)

Vicente Lombardo Toledano, president of the Confederation of Latin American workers, called for a Latin American expeditionary force at the national convention of the Mexican Workers Federation yesterday and warned that "international appeasers" were trying to "isolate the Soviet Union" and break the United Nations.

According to United Press dispatches, Toledano told the 4,500 delegates to the Mexican CTM gathering that 50,000 Mexican workers would join the Latin American expeditionary force. Another 50,000, he said, were available in other countries of the hemisphere.

Toledano said the "fifth column was trying to break the Allied bloc and leave the United Nations divided when final victory is won."

He charged that Vatican influences were at work for a "Catholic entente" in central Europe, for an anti-British bloc of France, Spain and Italy and said a "Greater Spanish America" was envisaged against Protestants and Jews.

Chinese Rewin Towns

CHUNGKING, March 31 (UP).—Chinese troops have killed more than 100 Japanese, including a commanding officer, in raids on enemy garrisons in far Northern China, the Chinese High Command reported tonight, and the invaders have been thrown out from three more localities in northern Hunan Province.

Besides inflicting casualties on the enemy, the Chinese raiders destroyed defense works, communication lines and other facilities in a swift sortie on March 30 against three Japanese garrisons west of Anpei, in Inner Mongolia's province of Suiyuan, north of the Great Wall, a communique said.

The three localities in northern Hunan, south of Yangtse River, were re-occupied by the Chinese on March 20, the communique reported belatedly, and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's forces also broke into the outer defenses of the enemy-held stronghold of Hwajung, on the northern shore of Lake Tungting, inflicting some 300 casualties on the Japanese.

Flying Forts Blast Rotterdam

LONDON, March 31 (UP).—United States Flying Fortresses today bombed the harbor and shipbuilding area of Rotterdam, third largest port on the continent and chief port of call for German coastal convoys, in the ninth American raid on Axis Europe this month.

Only one bomber was lost.

The raid marked a resumption of the Allied air offensive, interrupted Tuesday night when bad weather grounded the Royal Air Force after it had been out four straight nights, on two of which Berlin was given its heaviest bombings of the war.

A joint communique issued by the British Air Ministry and U. S. Army European Theater of Operations said that shipping and shipbuilding yards, which extend some 16 miles along Rotterdam's waterfront, were the targets today.

Ceiling on Trucks

WASHINGTON, March 31 (UP).—The Office of Price Administration today placed maximum ceiling prices on all used commercial motor vehicles, sharply curtailing abnormal prices being charged by some sellers.

Hull Confers With Litvinoff

WASHINGTON, March 31 (UP).—Secretary of State Cordell Hull and Soviet Ambassador Maxim Litvinoff conferred today in what the State Department described as an exchange on their recent respective conferences with British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden.

The talk followed President Roosevelt's statement he hoped and expected that in the near future the United States and Russia would hold conversations similar to the recently concluded Anglo-American talks.

The Disrupters---And Our Answer

By Israel Amter

On Tuesday night a gang of enemies of the Soviet Union led by David Dubinsky, and people who should know better, held a field day. Using the mask of the Alter-Ehrlich case and under cover of alleged admiration for the Soviet Union, they spewed forth their vicious hatred of the Soviet government. This they did in utter disregard of the fact known to every child that the Soviet Union and its Red Army have been our greatest protectors in the war against Nazism and fascism.

Israel Amter

Most of the people who participated on the platform at this meeting are doing what they can to prevent national unity behind our Commander-in-Chief. Some liberals, ostensible representatives of "free speech," "forgot" that we are at war with Hitler and that his stool-pigeons and spies reach everywhere except in the Soviet Union where the Fifth Column is summarily dealt with.

These disruptionists do not represent the American workers, and surely not the Jewish workers and the Jewish people whose hearts burn with love for the Soviet Union, its government and Red Army. They know that the Soviet Union and the Communists the world over are the best battlers against anti-Semitism and for the rights of all minority groups.

This meeting was also a challenge to the American Communists. Let us give them our answer. Every Party member wants to do everything in his power to build the forces for national unity, for close unity of the United Nations and for close cooperation of the United States with the Soviet Union.

Our best answer can be to build the Communist Party at a tempo never reached before. Speak to your shopmates, members of your union and fellow-members of your mass organizations. Speak to your father and mother or your son and daughter. Answer the disruptionists BY MASS RECRUITING NOW!

Let our answer be given next Sunday at the Party Builders' Congress by bringing up our total even beyond the quota fixed for that date.

Party members: Clinch your pledges NOW. Every Party member bring in a new recruit NOW. Party branches: Get immediately on the job. Let us recruit AT LEAST 1,000 NEW MEMBERS this week in answer to the enemies of unity, the disrupters, the enemies of the Soviet Union.

Rebuke Mead For Speech on Alter-Ehrlich

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BUFFALO, March 31.—Senator James Mead has received many letters and wires from people in his home town criticizing him sharply for addressing the New York Mecca Temple anti-Soviet Alter-Ehrlich meeting.

Among them was the following wire from Emanuel J. Fried, field organizer for the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, CIO:

"A trade union official and a Jew myself I was shocked to hear you are furthering the anti-Soviet drive of those using the Alter-Ehrlich case to hold back United Nations action to smash Hitler. Some people, including a few Jews I know, hate the Soviet Union so much, that they find themselves working for Hitler's benefit to disrupt unity between the Soviet Union and our country. Instead of speaking to further these traitorous aims you might better fight for the elimination of poll-tax and for the Pepper-Tolan-Kilgore bill. Many of us on the CIO Council Executive Board in Buffalo wonder where you have been hiding lately."

What OWI Director Elmer Davis Says, And a *Daily Worker* Editorial

WASHINGTON, March 31 (UP).—War Information Director Elmer Davis predicted today that German Marshal Erwin Rommel's African army will be defeated in time to permit an Allied invasion of Europe this year.

He warned, however, that while Rommel was clearly outsmarted and outgeneraled at the Mareth Line, he still was able to pull out with most of his forces intact and thus "will be in a position to fight a good delaying action."

Excerpts of an editorial from the Wednesday, March 31 issue of the Daily Worker:

To wait for the final clean up in North Africa and then for the seizure of the stepping stones to Italy would mean delaying perilously the two-front war against Hitler Germany in Europe. It would mean needlessly to prolong the war at a time when a second front in unison with the action of the Red Army on the Eastern Front can assure a speedy and joint victory.

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Rommel's Flank March

By a Veteran Commander

THE very shape of the Tunisian *place d'armes* (fighting space) and the disposition of Allied forces along its western face (i.e., along the line Medjez el Bab-Bou Arada-Ousseltia-Fondouk-Faid-Maknassy) is such that the only maneuver left to Rommel is a flank-march along a 200-mile line from Gabes to Tunis.

On the War Fronts

The width of the corridor through which he will have to march is only 50 miles in some places. To effect this march he has actually two roads—one along the eastern coast, through Sfax and Sousse, and one running straight north from Gabes to Kairouan and Tunis. Cutting the hump between Sfax and Gabes, there is a highway and railroad running through El Djem where Rommel's headquarters are supposed to be.

The coast road is under the direct fire of the British naval guns and, barring fog or storm, is not a safe avenue for Rommel's retreat. The Sfax-Sousse line is just a short-cut of that coastal road and merges with it north of Sousse and south of Sfax. So the danger from British naval guns applies to that road, too. This leaves Rommel the open plain and that secondary road through Kairouan.

HERE Allied forces are poised in a number of spear-heads threatening it at rather close range directly from the west. The French are poised at Ousseltia, the Americans at Fondouk, Faid and Maknassy. All these spearheads are about 20 miles from the inland route.

If one imagines the Tunisian theatre as a tube of shaving cream, with Rommel's army as the "cream," we see that Montgomery at Gabes is only able to squeeze the tube at its lower end. If nothing else is done the "cream" will ooze out at the cap, i.e., at Tunis, and Rommel will rejoin von Arnim, sadly battered, but still in fighting trim.

The "tube" must be cut along its length at least in two places. The places are the line Fondouk-Sousse and Maknassy-Sfax. In view of the fact that the bulk of the Afrika Korps seems to be already in the hump between Sfax and Sousse, the former line appears to be the most important. As far as we know, French troops are poised here and this does not augur well for a stab to the sea from Ousseltia, because it has been reported many times that the French are under-equipped and organized in an antiquated way.

IT LOOKS to us that General Patton's troops poised at Maknassy, even if they should strike now, will be too late to catch Rommel and can only join in the process of squeezing the bottom of the "tube."

Should Rommel make his way into the northern part of Tunisia and join von Arnim's forces which are practically intact, and this behind the mighty fortifications protecting the Tunis-Bizerte area, the campaign will drag out for weeks and the invasion of Europe will be delayed indefinitely.

We regret that we cannot conscientiously join in the hosannas filling the headlines and front pages of the papers, for we realize that right from the El Alamein line, five months ago, the "tube" has been consistently squeezed but never cut. Rommel was pursued, leading a merry chase, but was never headed off.

We need Kairouan and Pont-du-Fahs. And we need *them this week.*

THE Germans have resumed attacks in force on the Donets front, but have so far been unsuccessful. In one sector alone they have lost 22 tanks and ten self-propelling guns.

The Red Army advance toward Smolensk continues, but at a very slow pace.

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Nothing of importance on the other fronts.

Hitler Near End Of War Finances

MOSCOW, March 31.—Not only are Hitlerite Germany's manpower resources being exhausted, but also its financial resources are running low, says an article in Pravda.

Until recently Hitler covered his war expenditures at the expense of the vassal countries, by bank credits and taxes. But there is a limit to both.

The banks of Hungary, Italy, Rumania, Slovakia, Bulgaria, Belgium, Holland and Denmark are already no longer able to pay the families of workers recruited for work in Germany the meager allowances promised to these workers.

The German banks have these sums accredited to their account, with the result that Germany's debt to the aforementioned countries at the end of 1942 already stood at 7,000 million marks.

Another source of financial war is the internal state credit that is, the debts made at the expense of the population in the form of paper money (which has not the slightest backing) tax bonds, savings deposits, the enormous funds of the life insurance societies, etc.

This internal debt has reached the sum of 300,000 million marks whereas in 1932 Germany's national debt was only 11,500 million marks.

HOPE TO COLLECT

The creditors of the Hitlerite regime are for the most part German plutocrats and bankers. **They lend money as long as they have hopes of receiving new territories for exploitation and as long as they think that Hitler will win the war.**

But the Red Army is blasting these hopes. The corporation "Coal-Donbas-Rhine" and "Coal-Glass-Ceramics," organized in the Donetz Basin, not to mention a number of other such "trusts" have already collapsed.

The disturbed German magnates are beginning to think that they have invested their money in an unprofitable "undertaking." **They are beginning to tighten their purse strings.**

It is not for nothing that after the destruction of Marshal von Paulus' army at Stalingrad, which started a real panic in the German Stock Exchange, the quotation of shares was prohibited. Their publication would certainly have started in a mass withdrawal of savings deposits.

This tremendous state indebtedness and the collapse of Hitler's strategic plans in the USSR have made it extremely difficult for the Hitlerites to obtain new credits. **All they can do now is to further increase the tax burden.**

However, here too the possibilities are restricted. The wage tax increased from 5,300 millions marks in 1932 to 23,500 million marks in this fiscal year.

The further lowering of the standard of living will add to the new drop in the productivity of labor, which today is already 35 per cent below the pre-war level, Pravda's comment concludes.

Puerto Ricans Aid RWR Fund

Receipt of $1,000 from the Auxilio de Guerra a Rusia, Inc., of Puerto Rico, for the purchase of medical supplies to aid Russian civilian and Red Army wounded was announced yesterday by Edward C. Carter, president of Russian War Relief.

Russian War Relief has received a total of $4,000 from the Puerto Rican committee to help the people of the USSR. Carter said that these contributions were a great sacrifice for the island inhabitants, whose economic status is low, as a part of their aid to the United Nations war effort.

Eden Sees Allies Solving Differences

OTTAWA, Ont., March 31 (UP).—British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, arriving here after a fortnight's conversations with President Roosevelt and other United States officials, said today that the United Nations can and must resolve their differences.

Eden, who also has conferred with Premier Joseph Stalin in Moscow, introduced himself at a press conference as a "convinced believer in direct meetings between the men upon whom the responsibility lies for directing the war in their respective countries."

Asked whether the United Nations could resolve their differences, Eden said:

"I think they can and I'm sure they have got to."

Eden emphasized the danger of being "betrayed by overconfidence" as to the war's outcome.

"Nobody could be so foolish as to forecast the end of the war," he said, "and certainly not me."

He realized the brilliant successes of the United Nations' forces on all fronts, Eden said, but added that "we must never underestimate the formidability of the foe we have to overcome."

He expressed hope that all Frenchmen opposed to the Axis could be united against the enemy. It was British and American policy, he continued, to let Frenchmen work out their differences alone but with the encouragement of the other United Nations.

"In that respect," he added, "our position and the position of the American government are the same."

Britain Angry At Sweden Over Nazi Traffic

LONDON, March 31 (UP).—The government today announced that it is taking a serious view of the "constant" passage of German troops through Sweden and revealed that it has ordered new official representations to be made in Stockholm.

The disclosure by Lord Cranborne, Lord Privy Seal, indicated that London has not been appeased by the recent Swedish warning to Berlin to respect conditions of the agreement whereby Nazi planes and soldiers are permitted to traverse Swedish territory.

(Foreign Minister Christian E. Gunther told the Swedish Parliament on March 17 that he had "reminded German authorities that a strict observation of the regulations governing Nazi couriers and traffic was a condition from the continuation of this traffic.")

The incident threatening to bring to a head Britain's long-time resentment against this traffic occurred Feb. 24 when a German plane carrying 15 armed soldiers and several demounted machine guns was forced down in Sweden.

Cranborne, replying to a reference by Baron Davies of the "constant passage of German troops" through Sweden, said the government was taking a serious view of the plane episode and that it had instructed its minister to make known these feelings to the Swedish government.

In reply to previous protests Stockholm, reported Cranborne, had assured Britain that the passage of Nazi troops was confined to those going to Norway or homeward bound on leave under an agreement reached with Berlin in 1940.

U. S. Bombers Pound Enemy At Kiska

WASHINGTON, March 31 (UP).—American heavy and medium bombers pounded Japanese positions at Kiska Monday for the 28th time this month and in the South Pacific they attacked the enemy's Solomons bases at Vila and Kahili, the Navy reported today.

The communique said Liberators and Mitchells escorted by Lightning fighters made the raid at Kiska, hitting the airplane runway, the camp area and gun installations with bombs and then strafing the targets.

Flying Fortresses made the Solomons raids Tuesday (Island Time). The communique did not reveal the extent of the damage caused or the particular targets hit. All planes returned from all raids.

Spellman Talks With De Valera

DUBLIN, March 31 (UP).—Archbishop Francis J. Spellman of New York, continuing his talks with European statesmen, conferred for an hour and 20 minutes today with Prime Minister Eamon De Valera of Eire.

This morning the Prelate celebrated mass at the Dublin Cathedral which he had visited once before in 1932 and later praised the many Irish emigrants who have "gone to many lands, including my own country."

Impressions of Alter-Ehrlich Meeting

By Joseph Starobin

AT this Alter-Ehrlich meeting the other night, I kept looking for a gentleman called N. Chanin. I wanted to see the mug of this hero, who wrote back in January, 1942, "The last shot has not yet been fired. It will still be fired. And the last shot will be fired from free America—and, from that shot, the Stalin regime will be shot to pieces. . . ."

That's what most of this crowd was really there for. That was the purpose of the Social Democratic anti-Soviet clique that engineered this meeting. And they made a very careful selection of their audience. Any reference, any suggestion of shooting up the Soviet government, "squaring accounts," "getting even with it"—brought them to their feet. With a hoarse, animal cry, a mingled cry of fear and hate.

Every speaker used the same formula as though it had been worked out in advance. "We don't want to hurt the United Nations, we admire the Red Army, we think Russia is great stuff—but . . ." The audience, however, knew it was just a formula. Not one handclap when the Red Army was mentioned. When William Green, AFL President, suggested that soon the United States must undertake the offensive in Europe, the crowd was silent. They knew what they came for.

IT was supposed to be a memorial meeting. You expected some genuine feeling, at least from some speakers. But the man of the Polish-Jewish Bund, who spoke in Yiddish, was the least genuine of the lot. His sentence structure was elaborate, his language mid-Victorian, every sentence a tear-jerker, bathos without pathos, the whole speech overwrought like a drunkard reciting the "Shooting of Dan McGrew." The best word for it is "corny." Fourteen carat, gold-bantam corn. But Dubinsky chose a moment in this particular speech to pull out his handkerchief. . . .

The Polish-Jewish Bund speaker, incidentally, suggested that, after the war, there would be monuments to Ehrlich and Alter "in Warsaw, Lodz, and, yes, in Moscow. . . ." The crowd roared at the implication. This same speaker roused a frenzy when he suggested that if the Red Army were not constantly menaced by Bolshevik dungeons undoubtedly not one Red Army man would have been found to execute the two accused. . . . !

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DUBINSKY had declared early that Ehrlich and Alter were executed because the USSR wants to eliminate all anti-Communists from Poland as a prelude to the Sovietization of the country. It remained for JBS Hardman, I think it was he, of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, whom Dubinsky graciously permitted to read the resolution at the very end, to say that he wants pre-war Poland restored, and is sure that such a Poland would know how to respect the minorities within its borders! . . . A basic theme of the whole meeting.

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ONE thing that struck me about most of the faces were the ravages of anti-Soviet lust in them. I had known the names but never seen them so close up. Cancerous visages, ulcerous politics, men and women eaten through and through by hatreds for Soviet Russia, wasting away in the realization that they have lost, lost, lost their hope of shattering the first Socialist Republic.

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BILL GREEN was in something of a difficulty since the most rabid speeches had already been made. James Carey of the CIO had already called for the dissolution of the American Communist Party. Dubinsky had compared Alter-Ehrlich to Mooney and Billings. Reinhold Neibuhr had shouted, while the crowd panted, that, after all, he still thinks the Moscow trials were a fraud. So Bill Green departed considerably from his text. He whooped it up like Billy Sunday: "Murder has been committed . . . we shall demand an accounting at the peace table. . . ."

Bill was not going to be outdone by these other fellers.

Mayor LaGuardia was there, too. Fiorello's speech was all in the first-person singular. I did this . . . I did that . . . I say . . . I protest. . . . The I's had it. His remarks, like those of Senator Mead's, telephoned from Washington, were a case of men having eyes but they see not.

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BUT the crowd could not forgive Mike Gold for having observed some weeks ago that the men must have been guilty, otherwise they would not have been convicted. The tiny handful of Jewish Social-Democrats could not swallow such a simple analysis, such confidence in the USSR. Imagine—believing the leaders of the Soviet Union, men who built a new continent in 25 years and saved the world from barbarism—imagine believing Stalin and not the honorable reptiles at Mecca Temple.

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IT struck me that if a worker had come to the meeting, uncertain about who Alter and Ehrlich were and wanting to find out, he could have come to only one conclusion: if these are Alter and Ehrlich's friends, if this foul atmosphere of vituperation and hatred of Russia represents the atmosphere that Alter and Ehrlich lived in, then they must have been guilty, guilty as hell.

Urge Protests On Puerto Rico Witch Hunt

The Council for Pan American Democracy appealed yesterday for a storm of wires and letters to Congress against House Resolution 159, which would authorize a witch-hunting expedition to "investigate" conditions in Puerto Rico.

H. R. 159 has been proposed by Rep. Jasper Bell, D. of Missouri, who wants $25,000 to send seven Congressmen on a junket to the Caribbean island. The resolution is backed by Martin Dies, Eugene Cox of Georgia, and Hamilton Fish, pro-Nazi Republican, who have joined to push it through the House Rules Committee.

The Council for Pan American Democracy cites many arrogant anti-Puerto Rican statements from the Congressmen behind this measure and points out that Puerto Rico has been "over-investigated already." Recently the Senate sent a committee to the island, without bringing closer any solution for Puerto Rico's problems.

In calling for wires and letters against this resolution, the Council points out that President Roosevelt has asked for legislation giving Puerto Rico the right to elect its own governor. The proposed Congressional junket is clearly intended to spike action on the President's proposal.

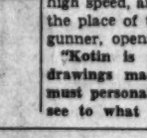
'What About India Now,' Ad Queries

"What About India Now" is the title of a full-page advertisement in the **Washington Post** for March 22, sponsored by the **India News**, whose editor, **R. Lal Singh** of Los Angeles, is a noted Indian progressive.

The advertisement is directed as "an open letter to Mr. Anthony Eden, Viscount Halifax, Mr. Cordell Hull, Mr. Sumner Welles and the other distinguished statesmen now discussing post-war plans."

It makes four points: that India feels a United Nations victory is menaced by the present colonial policy; that all Congress leaders in India must be released, and her resources mobilized; that realistic post-war planning requires immediate steps for India's freedom, and that India wants this freedom to insure a United Nations victory.

R. Lal Singh, editor of **India News** has been a member of the All-India National Congress for 18 years. His address, as given in the full page advertisement, is 553 S. Western Ave., Los Angeles, California.



Getting His Eye on Axis

Waist gunner on a flying fortress, Sergt. Horace E. Moore, of New York City, holds his deadly machine gun ready as he nears an Axis target somewhere in Tunisia. Terrific Allied air pounding and ceaseless strafing of Axis ground troops is largely credited for the Allied land successes.

The Man Behind KV Tanks: Joseph Kotkin

MOSCOW, March 31 (ICN).—"Only the war can give the real rating of the work of **Joseph Kotin**, chief designer of the Kirov plant," writes Z. Abramov in **Red Star**, paying glowing tribute to the designer of the KV tanks.

"Not a man in the Red Army, from private to general, does not know Kotin's tanks. But **the war is not merely a judge for Joseph Kotin; it is also the source upon which he draws for new ideas and suggestions.** The war strengthened his confidence in the weapon built by him, and opened up new horizons for his research.

"It is indeed hard to draw the borderline showing where the tank commander ends and the scientist and designer begins. **Kotin is soldier and scientist combined.** Recently a major general of technical troops, Kotin had occasion to hear the highest praise of his work when he met Lieutenant General Rotmistrov of tank troops and listened to his account of the breaches forced in the enemy lines with the aid of his KV tanks.

"Kotin is only 34 years old. In 1937 he was graduated from the Stalin Academy for the Motorization and Mechanization of the Red Army, and he came to the Kirov plant to work as a designer. Since then he has enriched the Red Army tank troops with new weapons.

"Kotin's activities are not limited to the design department. No one is surprised when, arriving at the front, Major General Kotin climbs into a tank and drives forward at high speed, and then in turn, taking the place of the machine gunner or gunner, opens fire.

"Kotin is not content with the drawings made in the shop. He must personally test his machine to see to what extent it satisfies the Red Army's demands.

"In a comparatively short time Kotin founded a school for tank designers. His closest pupils and associates have since become expert designers. Along with Katin, Stalin prizes were awarded to a group of engineers and workers who are engaged in perfecting heavy tanks.

"The Soviet troops present new demands on the machine. They are interested in speed, armaments and maneuverability. **A new type of artillery gun, for which a group of workers headed by Kotin was awarded Stalin prizes, meets these demands.**

"According to Peoples Commissar Zaltsman of the Tank industry, Kotin in utilizing the experiences accumulated in tank construction has shown his abilities also in designing a new type of artillery—the result of combined efforts of tank builders and ordnance workers. As a result of such cooperation of tank and artillery designers and builders it was possible within a short time to organize the mass production of this new type of weapon, which has become a terror to the enemy.

"The present heavy tank is different from its KV prototype. Much work in connection with its modernization has been accomplished in the past year. As a result of the fruitful efforts of the designers Dukhov, Shamshurin and others, the past year saw an improvement in the fighting qualities, speed and maneuverability of the KV tanks."

Kapitza Digs Up Nature's Secrets

By A. Semnov

(Soviet Scientist, Member of the Academy of Sciences)

MOSCOW, March 31 (ICN).—I first met Peter Kapitza in 1915, in the lobby of the Petrograd Polytechnical Institute. There he was shooting a toy crossbow. On the floor near him were bits of black velvet. It turned out that he was making the finest quartz threads, clearly visible only against a black velvet background.

Shortly thereafter, when we began to work together in the laboratory, I saw Kapitza's room filled with fantastic looking devices. Whether he was engaged in building various installations or in complicated calculations, he worked with equal ardor. He as yet, however, lacked the experience which would help him in choosing a scientific goal. This came later.

Working in the Rutherford Laboratory in Cambridge, England, Kapitza developed into a great scientist and experimenter. He developed the ability to avoid scattering his attention on matters of secondary importance, invariably directing his research into what was most essential and novel in science.

Kapitza's classical works on the study of behavior of matter in powerful magnetic fields opened up a new page in science. To produce magnetic fields the like of which were never before obtained, he built a new type of electrical engine, capable of generating power equal to the total power generated by all the plants of the Moscow subway.

FARADAY MEDAL

True, this lasts merely one hundredth of a second, but this time proved fully adequate for the scientist to study the behavior of matter in magnetic fields. **For these endeavors, Kapitza was recently awarded the Faraday Medal in Britain.**

Kapitza was attracted by the problem of obtaining low temperatures by liquifying gases. And once having undertaken the solution of a particular problem, Kapitza devotes himself to it with all his energy.

In 1939 his cooling turbine appeared, for which he was awarded the Stalin prize in 1941. Despite its miniature size it enabled him at that time to obtain 30 kilograms of liquid air in an hour, and it has since been adapted in industry.

On the basis of his achievements in obtaining liquid air, Kapitza produced an entirely new oxygen apparatus, superior to all similar installations known abroad. The Soviet country will have the cheapest oxygen extensively used for cutting and welding armor, in the chemical industry, and for many other defense purposes.

Almost simultaneously with his industrial installations appeared **Kapitza's theoretical works on the study of the fluidity and heat conduct of liquid helium, now (for 1942) awarded the Stalin prize.**

LOW TEMPERATURE

In the last few years several laboratories of the world have been experimenting with low temperatures and have built machinery for the production of liquid helium. But their productive capacity did not exceed a liter of helium per hour. Liquid helium evaporates rapidly and therefore the productive capacity of these machines restricted freedom of experimentation.

Kapitza developed a machine producing seven liters per hour. Thus he alone has at his disposal more liquid helium than all other scientists combined. This facilitated his experiments.

The Story of a Czech Underground Paper

(Daily Worker Foreign Department)

The story of how a former police official edited one of Czechoslovakia's best underground newspapers right under the nose of the Gestapo, is told by the **Czechoslovak News Bureau**, summarizing the work of countless underground papers in Czechoslovakia.

V Boj, meaning "Our Struggle," was edited in the early months after the occupation of Prague by a certain Joseph Skalda. He worked in the very center of the city, conforming to the Czech proverb that the **"darkest spot is underneath the candle."**

Issue after issue appeared, often written in cafes where the Nazi soldiers congregated. As an old police official, Skalda had many contacts, and was able to elude the German gendarmes. He was finally arrested in September, 1941, and executed in June, 1942. But **V Boj** still appears.

Other underground newspapers of which the **Press Bureau** here has definite knowledge are CSR, initials of the Czechoslovak republic; **ISNO**, initials of the National Liberation movement's information service; **Kuryr**, (Courier) and **Svoboda** (Liberty).

Phila. Negro Paper Calls Attack on USSR 'Infamy'

(Daily Worker Foreign Department)

"We must get on with the war," declares the **Philadelphia Tribune** in an editorial last week on the anti-Soviet ranting of the **Philadelphia Inquirer, "for only Hitler and his gang of inhuman butchers profit by these childish squabbles."**

The **Philadelphia Tribune**, edited by E. Washington Rhodes, is one of the leading Negro periodicals in the country.

It's editorial of March 27, is entitled: **"Finding Fault with Russia Dangerous to Successful Conclusion of the War."**

The passage in the **Inquirer** which roused the **Tribune's** indignation centered in the assertion, "Russian Communism is not our Ally in this war. It is a deadly enemy to democracy and we want none of it. But the Russian people are our ally. We must deal honorably with them, and expect them to deal honorably with us."

This, says the **Tribune**, is both **"confused thinking"** and **"rotten journalism."**

The **Tribune** says it is easy to sit over here in America, safe from the horrible conflict, and hurl insults at the heroic Russians. **"But only a craven coward could perpetrate such infamy,"** it points out.

The **Tribune** refers briefly but pointedly to the **"strongly-entrenched forces in the United States who hate Russia,"** but who **"gladly accept"** Russian sacrifices in battle. Such duplicity the **Tribune** scorns.

The paper then adds:

"The Soviet Republic is proving itself a mighty fortress in the defense of human liberty. It has created a new social order which establishes the power of the people. Under its system, the present and the future of every Russian man, woman and child is merged with the welfare of the whole country. Every form of exploitation and racial prejudice has been abolished."

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Negro Elks Join Defense of B'klyn Girls

Organization Assails Trial

By Ann Rivington

The two young Brooklyn Negro girls whose names were smeared all over the reactionary press last week as "muggers" are receiving the support of more than 15,000 Negro Elks in Greater New York, it was revealed yesterday.

Mrs. Sara Pelham Speaks, prominent Negro attorney of the Civil Liberties Committee of the Elks' state organization, has volunteered her services to assist Attorney Herman Rosenfeld of the International Labor Defense in defending the girls.

They will appear for trial on Monday, before the Brooklyn Special Sessions Court, on third degree assault charges.

Arrest of the two girls, Sherry Franklin, 17, and Genevieve Castell, 18, on Friday, March 19, arose out of a slight altercation on the subway stairs at the Rockaway Ave. Independent Line station, when a white girl, Dorothy Warner, stepped on Sherry's toe.

A few minutes later, Sherry and Genevieve were in a florist's shop, buying flowers, when the white girl entered with three policemen and had them arrested.

They were booked for third degree assault and held for the amazingly high bail of $500 bail apiece.

ELKS JOIN DEFENSE

Participation in the case by the Elks began this Monday, when the case was called before the Special Sessions Court, and adjourned for one week. Thomas L. Cowan, chairman of the Brooklyn Civil Liberties League of the Elks, was present in court to offer the assistance of his organization to the young defendants.

Moran Weston, State Civil Liberties Chairman for the Elks, told the Daily Worker yesterday, in behalf of the statewide organization, "We are deeply concerned that these young women should receive full protection from the apparent injustice to which they have been subjected. We have secured the services of one of our ablest attorneys to assist in their defense."

Mr. Weston stated that he looks on this case as "a direct result of the police terror which has grown out of the false crime wave created by certain newspapers in this city."

JEOPARDIZES WAR UNITY

Such terror against the Negro people, he went on, stands in the way of "that unity for which we're all working as part of the victory program of our country. Our organization condemns this sort of terror. We feel that the responsibility for correcting it rests upon the people of New York, who must bring about more wholesome relations between Negro and white in this city."

He went on, "We are particularly grateful to such newspapers as yours, which, along with the Negro press, have been seeking to put an end to this terror against the Negro people. Our whole organization is determined to fight vigorously against every case of police terror or slander against Negroes or other minorities in this city or state."

Mrs. Speaks, asked her reason for volunteering to help in the girls' defense, stated indignantly, "The disgraceful situation we're now threatened with in New York City, with clashes between people of different races, is directly attributable to the inflammatory and distorted stories which have appeared in certain daily papers. This is a time when everybody should be working together to make democracy a real and living thing, at least in America. We in the Elks are all determined to help as much as possible in this case, and all similar cases."

After 6 Years--Success

For the first time in her life six-year-old Kathleen Walsh, of West Grove, N. J., takes a walk. She is shown smiling and saluting her nurse, Rebecca Wilson, as she leaves a Philadelphia hospital after her third operation in two years. Crippled since birth, the child will soon discard her crutches. Standing behind Kathleen is her mother, Mrs. Katherine Walsh.

Detroit CIO, AFL Join Hands on Child Care

DETROIT, March 31 (FP).—A quarter of a million women, many of them with small children, will be at work in Detroit area war plants by next January, the CIO child-care conference in the Hotel Statler ballroom was told by authorities on the subject March 28. At the same time a similar conference under AFL sponsorship in Hamtramck heard much the same story.

The gravity of the child-care problem broke down the thin lines dividing AFL and CIO in Detroit. The Detroit and Wayne County Federation of Labor (AFL) sent a speaker to the CIO conference and several AFL teachers came as delegates. Half a dozen CIO local unions sent delegates to the AFL conference in Hamtramck and a CIO education director was one of the speakers there.

The findings of the CIO conference were embodied in resolutions addressed to the President and Congress, to education authorities and to the public.

Demands included renewal and increase of funds under the Lanham Act, under which the government gives dollar for dollar up to certain amounts for child-care if the communities make application; 24-hour operation of nursery schools where needed; proper nursing and medical care for children; transportation where necessary; hot school lunches; school-age canteens for older children whose mothers work in war plants or whose father must sleep by day; no nursery school or canteen fees from mothers earning under $25 a week, and a maximum of $2.50 a week for canteen care and $3.50 for nursery school care, with no mother paying over $4.50 a week regardless of the number of children.

Because of the perpetual run-around and buck-passing in Washington a central agency was demanded to be solely responsible for administration of child-care funds and for seeing that communities observe standards set up by the federal government.

R. J. Thomas Demands Child Nurseries

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, March 31. — Urging nurseries for the children of war industry mothers, R. J. Thomas, president, the United Automobile Workers, CIO, told a radio audience over Station WXYZ here that:

"In a short time I will be visiting our allies, England and the Soviet Union, and meeting the heroic working people of these countries. Among those workers will be many women, who have bravely and gladly taken over the production jobs left by fighting men.

"I am to tell those women that their sisters of the United States cannot join them on the vital common production front because our great democracy has failed to make adequate provision for the care of their children.

"Am I to tell them," Thomas continued, "that lend-lease supplies, which are essential to victory, are made at the cost of the tears of door-key children?"

FUNDS ALLOTTED

That need not be, added the UAW president.

"Federal funds," he went on, "have been allotted to Detroit for nurseries and for care of older children. Labor, working with other public-spirited groups in the community, had its share in obtaining those funds. Now they must be spent to meet the need."

Child care centers must operate day and night, Thomas declared. Their costs must be low. Sick children must be cared for. Universal hot lunches must be the rule at school.

Thomas said that no draft of woman power was needed in the war.

Women want to work, he said, to keep America free. But they must be given conditions permitting them to work.

At present, he said:

"Detroit has no plan for 24-hour operation of nurseries. A child can no more be left at night than in the daytime. Many women, many mothers, must work at night, for our factories operate 24 hours a day. They cannot be shifted to day work for, apart from any other consideration, certain types of work must be done by women on all shifts, and the loading of the heavy-production day shifts with inexperienced workers would disrupt production.

NO MEDICAL PLAN

"Detroit has no plan for caring for the child who is slightly ill, a cold. He cannot go to the nursery center. His mother must stay with him. She misses a day of work, and the Rickenbackers have another case of what they call willful absenteeism.

"In closing, let me say again that our women want to work to win the war and that they must be free to do so. There can be no victory unless they are. It is not a sentimental question, is a hard, cold question of getting out the production to wipe oppression from the earth and make a free world for your children and mine."

'Peace-With-Axis' Talk Traitorous, Corsi Says

Edward Corsi, New York State Industrial Commissioner and leading Italian-American Republican, was roundly applauded at Stuyvesant Casino, 140 Second Ave., as he denounced the "poison-spreaders" who talk of peace with Hitler and Mussolini.

Mr. Corsi spoke at a Red Cross benefit, sponsored by the Italian-American section of the International Workers Order.

Assailing Hitler and the "false leaders in Rome," who have bathed the world in blood, Mr. Corsi declared:

"This is a just war, a war for the destruction of everything that represents evil slavery and the destruction of our civilization" "For the free people of the earth, a victory of the Axis would mean the death and destruction of our national heritages.

"This thought must sink into the minds of all our Italian-Americans.

"Unfortunately," Corsi continued, "there are still many among us who are spreading the poisonous idea that this is not our war and that peace with Hitler should be immediately established. Whether these poison spewers are repeating these statements because they are determined fascists or because of ignorance, is besides the point. The result is the same. This poison tears down our morale and weakens the possibility of bringing this war to a swift and successful end.

"Such poison spreaders," said Corsi, "are traitors who are stabbing our fighting men in the back.

"The brutal conquest of Ethiopia, and the rape of the Spanish Republic," went on the speaker, "gave nothing to the Italian people except blood and shame. The war against Albania and Greece, long friends of Italy, was fought against the will of the Italian people. And now the greatest tragedy of all is the fact that hundreds of thousands of Italian workers are forced to die in Russia in the interest of their Nazi master.

"Shame has come to our name. Only the overthrow of those false leaders can restore to Italy her rightful place as the mother of culture in the family of nations."

Other speakers were, Assemblyman John J. Lamula, Councilman Sam DiFalco and Peter V. Cacchione, John Longo, Prof. Ambrogio Donini of l'Unita 'del Popolo, Louis Candela and Mario D'Inzillo of the IWO.

Home Folks Tell Off Some 'Farm' Bloc-ers

By Mac Gordon

Things are getting kind of hot for Representative Cooley of North Carolina. The folks back home are beginning to talk up in connection with his "Farm Bloc" antics.

Representative Cooley is chairman of a committee to "investigate" the Farm Security Administration. He, and the other "Farm Bloc-er" of the House Committee on Agriculture have already passed judgment on FSA. It is "socialistic, un-American and extravagant." That's the quaint way Congress reactionaries have of saying that it helps the low-income groups, helps production and curbs the monopoly and unrestricted profits of the wealthy.

A farm magazine and a prominent newspaper in Cooley's district have come out sharply in favor of FSA. An editorial in the Progressive Farmer, edited by Dr. Clarence Poe, says, regarding the FSA program:

"Services of the FSA to those in need of a lift do not stop with the lending of small sums. Planning aid is given and supervision provided to make certain that the person helped knows how to make best use of the funds and facilities afforded. . . . In many communities cooperative ownership of important machinery is made possible. One of the greatest contributions has been its investment in good health through having made better medical service available.

"There is much to be said on the side of farm security."

Similar editorials on behalf of the FSA have appeared in the Greensboro Daily News.

FEELS PRESSURE

Cooley is not the only "Farm Bloc-er" that is beginning to feel the pressure from back home. A couple of weeks ago, for instance, two Republican Congressmen from a rural section of Illinois who are prominent "Farm Bloc-ers," Dirksen and Arends, were taken to task by a leading rural paper, the Daily Pentagraph, because they voted against the FSA farm labor appropriation of $39,000,000.

The Daily Pentagraph suggested in editorials directed at the two Congressmen that they come back home and see how the farmers feel about the matter. It denied that there are any "complicated" social reforms connected with the FSA farm labor program, as claimed by the "Farm Bloc-er." It attacks them for lining up with the "Southern Democrats" who, it suggests, have their own reasons for opposing the program. The farmers back home know "how helpful" that program has been.

The FSA farm labor program was blocked because it shifted farm labor from non-essential and surplus areas to places where it was needed. Southern plantation owners, producing non-essential cotton and tobacco, want to hang onto their surplus labor, and therefore defeated the program, in collaboration with mildwest reactionary Republicans.

The FSA program also sets minimum standards of pay and conditions for farm labor, to which, of course, the Southern and southwestern large farm owners are bitterly opposed.

Correction

A misprint in Milton Howard's column Political Scene, Wednesday, distorted the sense. Instead of reading "The Social - Democrats never relaxed their anti-Soviet fanaticism" the correct version stated "The Social - Democrats here relaxed their anti-Soviet fanaticism."

Plan Anti-TB Campaign In Detroit

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, March 31.—An educational program for combatting tuberculosis will be started by the Department of Health here in April. The decision was reached after figures indicated that deaths from tuberculosis in 1942 had increased considerably over the number in 1941. One hundred more deaths due to this disease were reported for 1942 than for 1941.

The Department of Health attributed much of the increase to the growing population. Only recently an increase in the number of pneumonia deaths, double in January of this year as compared with the same month in 1941, has alarmed medical authorities.

With industry expanding, immigration brings with it thousands of families who had not been inoculated against many of the diseases, and the crowded conditions and substandard housing make them easy prey to epidemics which could sweep entire slum areas.

Gurley Flynn to Speak in Phila.

PHILADELPHIA, March 31.—The great role which women are today playing to win the war will be discussed at an International Women's Day meeting here at which Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, nationally known labor leader will be the main speaker.

Arranged by the Communist Party of the Second Congressional District, the event will take place at the Hotel Normandie, 36th and Chestnut Streets, on Friday, April 2nd, at 8:30 P. M.

The Victory Players will provide entertainment.

Rally to Hear Notables Back Africa Prisoners

A united rally to protest the continued internment of more than 20,000 Spanish Republican refugees and veterans of the International Brigades who are now interned in North Africa concentration camps will be held at Carnegie Hall, Monday, April 5, 8 P. M.

These prisoners, men who first took up arms against Hitler and Mussolini in 1936, have been in concentration camps in France and North Africa since 1939. Many have died and are dying daily because of the miserable diet and living conditions which prevail in the camps.

The Mexican government has indicated its willingness to receive the anti-fascists if they are released but the State department has made no move to free them. A spokesman for the Free World Association, leading sponsor of the meeting, pointed out that shipping space is available for the Spanish anti-fascists on the many American boats which are returning from North Africa.

Speakers at the meeting will include Dorothy Thompson, noted American journalist; Joseph Curran, president of the National Maritime Union which recently went on record as opposed to the further shipment of American supplies to Spain; Jay Allen, who has just returned from North Africa; Egar Ensel Mowrer, who resigned as deputy director of the Office of War Information because the State Department refused him a passport to North Africa; Julio Alvarez del Vayo, foreign minister in the Republican cabinet of Spain; Rev. A. Clayton Powell, city councilman; Fernando de los Rios, last Republican ambassador from Spain to the United States; Jose Antonio Agruirre, president of the Basque Republic and outstanding Spanish Catholic leader, and Freda Kirchwey, publisher and editor of the Nation and Pierre Cot, minister of Aviation of the French Republic.

The meeting, which is organized by the Spanish section of the Free World Association, is sponsored jointly by France Forever, the Greater New York Industrial Union Council of the CIO, the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee and all the pro-democratic Spanish speaking societies of the city.

Butchers Welcome CDVO Volunteers

Butchers for the most part are most receptive to the help that the CDVO volunteer meat explainers are giving to them and their customers, it was announced yesterday by Consumers Services Division of the Greater New York Civilian Defense Volunteer Office at City Hall, as far as it can be told after the first day and a half in the field.

In the Brownsville section in Brooklyn, at Kaplin's Meat Market, 921 Blake Ave., Mrs. Hannah Bialick of 350 Wyona St., was actually invited by the proprietor to stand behind the counter to take complete charge of the number of points each customer was to give up for her purchase of meat or butter or fat. Moreover, she was invited to come back as often and as soon as possible. A similar tale was told by Mrs. Esther Rosen of 937 — 42nd St., Brooklyn, in the Borough Park section, who said, in telling of her experience at Mazur's Butcher Store, 3921 — 13th Ave., "When the butcher discovered how much help I could really give, he gave me a white coat and put me at the end of the counter to make sure that not only the customers understood what it was all about but that they gave up the right kind and number of stamps."

ASK FOR ENCORE

The 71 lecturers who gave talks to neighborhood housewives in local movie houses throughout the five boroughs on Monday morning reported, almost every one, that the intricacies of meat and butter rationing are not as difficult for housewives to understand as the prevailing high food prices.

In Brooklyn some of the theatre managers were so pleased they asked for a repetition of the talks by trained CDVO speakers on Wednesday morning.

In Manhattan, the Clinton CDVO Defense Council reported an excellent turnout, with all the markets covered in that area that asked for explainers, between 15 and 20 in number. Explainers reported that housewives when they could find meat at all were most disturbed about what would happen to the extra ounces. In the Essex St. market, explainers were particularly busy and particularly successful, so much so that a permanent Manhattan Consumer Center is soon to be installed there. A number of Kosher markets in the district, who were able to get meat, were also well covered. In the Inwood section, explainers and markets were ready but there were no OPA point charts. In the Washington Heights area, there was no problem because there was no meat.

In Queens there was little meat though explainers will be called upon to serve Wednesday, Thursday and Friday provided the markets are better supplied.

Staten Island reported good coverage in all low and low middle income areas. The butchers welcomed the explainers in every instance.

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Over The News Wires

District Tire Rations

WASHINGTON, March 31 (UP).—The Office of Price Administration announced today that allotments of tires, tubes and recapping services which Rubber Director William M. Jeffers has assigned for rationing in April have been broken into district instead of state quotas.

The total of quotas for the 109 districts is about the same as the preceding monthly totals for the 48 states and the District of Columbia.

No Posting on Pork

WASHINGTON, March 31 (UP).—Retail butchers are no longer required to post ceiling prices on each pork cut displayed in their showcases, the Office of Price Administration said today. In the future, OPA will require the retailer to show only the ration point value and the selling price on the marker.

Tube Output Normal

WASHINGTON, March 31 (UP).—Frank H. McIntosh of the Radio Division of the War Production Board said today that the production of radio tubes for civilian use is almost as high as in peace times, but that maldistribution appears to have caused some shortages.

Seek New Rayon Hose

WASHINGTON, March 31 (UP).—The government and rayon hosiery manufacturers are experimenting with efforts to produce a good, serviceable, standardized rayon stocking for women.

An Office of Price Administration spokesman revealed today that a stocking within the means of the average woman is being sought.

Quake Halts Rail Service

NORTHAMPTON, Mass., March 31 (UP).—A slight earthquake caused a long section of the Boston and Maine roadbed to slump into the Connecticut River today, putting the northbound main line temporarily out of service.

Randall Gets Shipping Post

WASHINGTON, March 31 (UP).—The War Shipping Administration today announced the appointment of Rear Admiral Albert B. Randall, U.S.N.R., as Commandant of the U. S. Maritime Service, to succeed Capt. Thomas Blau, who has been called to active duty.

Ask 2 Meatless Days

WASHINGTON, March 31 (UP).—Hotel operators have asked the District of Columbia Board of Commissioners to order two meatless days a week for all public eating establishments here.

Emphasizing that a movement is underway in New York to establish a second meatless day, and that the National Society of Restauranteurs is advocating the idea on a nation-wide scale, the Hotel Association said such an order would help people get adjusted to rationing.

Korean Cherry Trees

WASHINGTON, March 31 (UP).—The Korean American Council today urged Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes to "render into Korea the things that are Korean."

That was its way of asking Ickes that the cherry trees in the capital be known henceforth as "Korean cherry trees" instead of "Japanese cherry trees."

College Honors Japanese

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., March 31 (UP).—Richard Ko Watanabe, of Brooklyn, a native of Oregon and born of Japanese parents, received a special citation for "patience, dignity and sincere American patriotism," at the annual Union College prize day ceremonies here today.

Legislature May Hear Willkie

HARTFORD, Conn., March 31 (UP).—Wendell Willkie, who will be here April 12 to participate in a quiz radio program, may address a joint session of the Connecticut Legislature on Tuesday, April 13, it was disclosed today.

Navy Needs More Radio Engineers

The Navy has urgent need of trained engineers to handle and maintain ultra - high frequency radio equipment and is offering commissions to qualified men, the Third Naval District announced today.

"Hundreds of billets," the Naval statement said, await electrical engineers now engaged in work not essential to the war effort.

Wartime expansion of the Navy has greatly increased the need for men with ultra-high frequency experience, according to Capt. Kenneth G. Castleman, U. S. N. (Ret.), Director of Naval Officer Procurement, 33 Pine Street, New York, N. Y. To fill this need the Office of Naval Officer Procurement has been permitted to relax the usual physical requirements. Applications will be accepted from qualified engineers up to 50 years of age with slight physical defects which would not interfere with performance of duty."

Harlem Rally to Hit Press Smears

Indignant citizens of Harlem will hold a mass rally at the Golden Gate Ball Room, next Sunday, April 4, at 3:30 P.M. The rally which will be held to protest the organized press and police attack upon the Negro people, is sponsored by the People's Committee, who have invited prominent speakers to discuss the poll tax bill, anti-lynch bill, Austin-Wordsworth labor draft bill and other topics directly relate dto the campaign of reaction against the Negro people.

Speakers will be Councilman Adam Powell, J. Finley Wilson, Channing Tobias, Max Yergan, of the National Negro Council and the Council on African Affairs; Ben Davis, Secretary of the New York State Committee of the Communist Party; Charles Collins, of the Negro Labor Victory Committee; Walter White, of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

In addition to the organized "Hate-the-Negro" campaign of the New York daily newspapers, additional developments in the Burnett case, the Albert Smith case and other "crime wave" scapegoats will be discussed.

'Smear' Prevents Fair Trial; Case Postponed

General Sessions Court Judge James G. Wallace, acting upon a plea of defense attorney Harrison Jackson that a young Negro defendant could not secure a fair trial because of "this alleged crime wave played up by the dailies" yesterday granted a postponement of the youth's trial for a week.

The defendant, Norman Smith, 16 years old, is charged with an alleged "mugging" attack upon Gladys Kaurin, a night club singer, also known as Linda Lark.

In his appeal for postponement, the youth's attorney told the bench:

"The boy is not a delinquent. This is substantiated by his background, church connections, friends and home environment. He has been arrested because this alleged 'crime wave,' played up by the dailies, foments and spurs hasty police action and results in indiscriminate arrests and persecution of any Negro, regardless of direct, circumstantial or indifferent evidence to justify arrest."

Young Smith, who lives with his mother, is active in the Abyssinian Baptist Church and has been employed by the L. C. Smith Typewriter Co., has been labelled by the commercial daily press as a "husky Negro attacker."

OWI Chief Denies Meat Shortage

WASHINGTON, March 31 (UP).—Elmer Davis, director of the Office of War Information, said today that the general impression that we are running out of meat is "definitely not true."

A check of the Office fo Price Administration and the Department of Agriculture revealed that the worst shortage areas are in the Pacific, Atlantic and Gulf Coasts, he said.

Davis said purchases by the armed forces and lend-lease have been temporarily scaled down, and transportation facilities have been mobilized for quick movement of meat to shortage areas.

As a result of these and other measures, Davis said, OPA believes that most areas will have supplies equal to ration demand within a few days. He said the ration represents a diminished supply of meat for civilians as compared with 1942, but that it is as large as before the war.

COMBAT BLACK MARKET

Davis said two major steps are being taken to make rationing work better. Enforcement against black markets will be given new teeth tonight when the Department of Agriculture begins a slaughter permit system whereby almost all legally slaughtered meat will be stamped.

The OPA puts new dollars-and-cents price ceilings for pork into effect tomorrow. The same plan will be applied to beef within a very short time, he disclosed. It takes account of differences in costs of transportation in different areas.

Davis said that when we try to modify the food buying and eating habits of 130,000,000 Americans, trouble is bound to result.

"We can hope that convoy sinkings or crop failures do not force us to tighten our belts even more," Davis said. "Certainly they haven't been tightened much yet."

Other government officials today agreed with Davis' assertion that there is plenty of food on hand.

Housewives Visit Capital In Price Fight

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noon and were taken by the President's representative General Edwin M. Watson. These petitions were issued by the Council of Organized Consumers. The Newspaper Guild Auxiliary also presented thousands of post cards.

J. W. Tapp, Assistant to new Food Administrator Chester Davis heard delegation members for a half-hour while they asked for better planning of food production, grade labelling and stabilized prices.

Ruth Going of the CIO electrical Union was also present in the group.

Throughout the afternoon the delegates kept calling their representatives from the Congress floor telling them that they had come all the way from New York, Chicago, Newark and Columbus to see that they vote in the interests of the war on every piece of legislation.

Organizations represented were CIO Greaer New York Industrial Union Council, United Neighborhood Houses, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, Long Island Consumer Council, Bath Beach Victory Council, League of Women Shoppers, International Workers Order, United Retail and Department Store Workers, United Conference on High Cost of Living, Consumers Cooperative League, Essex County College Women's Club, Fur Workers Union, National Maritime Auxiliary, Greater Newark Industrial Union Council, Essex County Federation of Teachers, New Jersey Consumers Council, Consumer Committee of the Newark Defense Council, Consumers League of Newark and others.

Many members of the group remained in Washington overnight to continue visiting Congressmen and Senators tomorrow.

Pravda Lauds Work of Rachmaninoff

MOSCOW, March 31 (ICN).—Pravda carries an obituary on the death of Sergei Rachmaninoff written by the well known Soviet composer Yuri Shaporin, in which the latter notes the brilliant work accomplished by Rachmaninoff as composer, pianist and conductor. Soviet musical circles were preparing to celebrate Rachmaninoff's 70th birthday on April 1.

Shaporin notes that Rachmaninoff left Russia in 1918 for a tour abroad, and since then never returned, making America his home. There was a time when it seemed as if the composer's long absence from his native soil was completely estranging him from his own country, where his music was always highly appreciated and loved.

But when the war started against Hitlerite Germany, Rachmaninoff, a true Russian, again felt his affinity to our country, writes Shaporin. The proceeds of his concerts contributed a big sum to the Russian War Relief Fund.

The world has lost a great creative force in the death of Rachmaninoff, a creative force that won world fame, Shaporin adds. His name will remain in the constellation of the finest names which contributed to the glory of Russian music.

Strike Loses Union Security

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Because the union had been involved in a strike while a federal conciliator was attempting to settle a contract dispute, the National War Labor Board today refused to grant any form of union security clause to the Federation of Woolen and Worsted Workers, affiliated with the United Textile Workers, AFL, Local 1917, in six Boston wool warehouses, employing 150 workers.

The companies involved are Hallowell, Jones and Donald, Fort Dupee and Sawyer, Colonial Wool Company, Oelrichs Warehouse and Trucking Company, Fort Point Warehouse, Inc., and Warehouse No. 13, Inc.

The board also accepted the wage recommendations of the referee, and directed the six companies to grant an increase of three and one-half cents an hour to their workers. The increases are to be retroactive to Sept. 9, 1942, the date of the certification of the case to the NWLB.

Yank Fliers Pound Enemy Base at Kiska

Smoke and debris spout skyward following a devastating raid by American pilots on the dock area of the Japanese-held Kiska Island in the Aleutians. The photo is unique because of its clarity. Weather conditions in this area is considered the worst in the world and the target is usually obscured. This is an Army Air Force photo.

City Budget Raises Pay 8 Million Dollars

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highest the city has ever experienced. The Mayor said he was loath to levy this rate on real estate, stating it was brought about by "failure of the Legislature to give the city authority to raise additional revenue."

"I am asking the Board of Estimate not to increase this budget," he declared. "I have pared everything to the bone. I scraped the bone."

The heaviest budgetary deduction was a $23,000,000 slash in the Department of Welfare fund. The Mayor said that this was made possible due to the drop in the unemployment relief load.

He said he made large deductions on the basis of anticipated military leaves for city employes. Other deductions were made by not replacing city employes now in the armed service.

The largest departmental increase was chalked up to the Department of Hospitals, totalling $1,060,059 more than last year.

HITS COUDERT PROPOSAL

LaGuardia sharply criticized the Rapp-Coudert Legislative Committee for proposing reduction of the teaching staff of the city schools.

"I have recommended sufficient funds to prevent the dropping of any teacher," he said.

Estimating a low vote this fall, the Mayor has provided for 20 members of the new City Council instead of the present 26.

Salary increases worked out in the new budget would give employes in the graded and ungraded service, now entitled to increments, with salaries ranging from $1,201 to $2,400, increases of $120 a year above the increments.

Employes not entitled to increments, with salaries ranging from $1,201 to $2,500, are scheduled for increases of from $120 to $180 a year.

All per diem employes, other than those receiving pervailing rates, are to get 50-cent-a-day increases.

Hospital helpers, attendants, practical nurses, cooks, butchers, are scheduled for an upward adjustment of $60 a year to increase minimum and maximum levels. Hospital helpers, under maintenance rates, are to have their minimums set at $900 and those working under non-maintenance rates, are to receive $1,200 minimums.

"The $120 to $180 increase which most workers will receive will be a substantial aid to them in meeting the increase in the cost of living," declared James King, president of the Greater New York Local of the State, County and Municipal Workers of America.

"The establishment of the $1,200 minimum for city workers should go far in correcting many of the serious problems of these low salaried employes and should sharply reduce the amount of turnover in personnel. Our organization has been fighting a long time for such a minimum wage and redoubled its efforts during these past few months because of the critical economic light of employes. The Mayor should be congratulated for the important steps forward made in this budget."

King pointed out that since December, when his union appeared before the City Council asking wage increases, the union was "confident" the administration and the public would recognize the needs of city workers and the ability of the city to meet those needs.

"The Mayor's budget justifies our claims and provides a basis for further adjustment to fully meet the financial difficulties of city workers, he declared and added:

"A cursory study of the budget message presents some important questions on city departments. For example it is not clear whether all hospital workers will be raised to the minimum."

U. S.-Turkey Sign Shipment Pact

ANKARA, March 31 (UP).—Official Turkish sources announced today that negotiations had been completed with the United States for the delivery of 40,000 tons of supplies to Turkey. Nature of the shipments was not disclosed.

It was disclosed that 10,000 tons of British empire wheat have been arriving in Turkey monthly and that the shipments were expected to be continued regularly.

In addition to supplies guaranteed by official agreements, Germany is supplying Turkey with 2,500 tons of Slovakian sugar in return for cooking fats, it was revealed.

British Take 2 Towns, May Meet Yanks Soon

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above Fondouk. Both Allied and Axis broadcasts have told of considerable activity in that sector for several days but it has not been mentioned in North African communiques).

Front dispatches said that the Royal Navy, which moved into the Tunisian battle by shelling Gabes just before the Eighth Army marched in, was now bombarding Rommel's coastal road of retreat in close cooperation with the Allied land forces.

Fighting to escape the British vanguard, Rommel was using mines, road blocks and even minor tank counter-attacks, but at last reports the Eighth Army still was maintaining contact.

The British First Army on the north front, supported by native French Moroccan Goumiers, carried out its advances yesterday through rocky and wooded terrain and along roads churned into mud by continued heavy rains.

ALLIED AIR ATTACKS

Allied planes continued their massive offensive yesterday from Sicily to the Gabes area, carrying out more than 100 missions. Rommel sent his fliers back into the air in a futile effort to stem the cascade of bombs and bullets but lost 12 planes while the Allies lost only seven.

MANY ITALIANS CAPTURED

CAIRO, March 31 (UP).—Many Italian troops captured on the El Hamma front carried "safe conduct" leaflets which American planes had dropped in large quantities over the Italian lines in Tunisia, it was revealed today.

The leaflets, which the Italians hastened to present when they surrendered, had urged: "Don't Fight for Hitler."

The leaflets said that British and American forces were closing in on all sides and warned against a repetition of German treachery such as at El Alamein when five Italian divisions were abandoned by the Nazis.

They were printed in English, French and Italian and were addressed to Allied outposts, stating that Italian soldiers presenting them should be given safe conduct, should be disarmed and fed and given medical attention if necessary before being sent to the rear.

48-Hour Week Begins in 32 War Areas

WASHINGTON, March 31 (UP).—The 48-hour work week takes formal effect in 32 labor shortage areas and two key industries tomorrow simultaneously with operation of the War Manpower Commission's virtual war work or fight order for workers in a long list of non-deferrable activities.

Drastic shifts in working habits are expected to result as plants begin functioning on longer worker-schedules and men of draft age are reshuffled from industries and occupations not rated vital to the war effort to others of greater importance.

The WMC's original edict implementing President Roosevelt's 48-hour week policy designated 32 shortage areas and the lumber and non-ferrous metals mining industries where it should be applied beginning April 1. Since that time three of the 32 areas have been stricken from the list, but WMC Chief Paul V. McNutt said the longer work week nevertheless would apply.

Concurrently, the Commission will begin reclassifying for ultimate induction into the armed forces all men 18 through 37 who are engaged in certain specified non-deferrable occupations. They will have until May 1 to switch to essential jobs.

Draft boards will at the same time start reclassifying men aged 38 through 45, who have been in class 4-H, the overage group. These men will be urged to take jobs in dairy farming or other agricultural activities, and eventually in essential industries, if they are now engaged in non-deferrable pursuits.

Italy Cuts Bread Rations, Suffers Hunger

BERN, March 31 (UP).—The Italian government, faced with inflation, appealed to its people today to collaborate in an intensive campaign to stamp out black markets.

For the first time since food was rationed strictly, a communique appearing in Italian newspapers today admitted the widespread existence of black markets and laid responsibility for skyrocketing food prices to them.

The communique was issued after a special meeting of a food committee at which Premier Benito Mussolini presided. The committee ordered that because of the acute shortage of wheat, special bread allotments distributed to children and manual laborers throughout the winter would be discontinued next month.

Italy's bread ration is the lowest in Europe, except those of Poland and Greece. The Italians receive 1,050 grams (36.5 ounces) weekly, compared with Germany's 2,250 grams (78.1 ounces).

Finland Stakes Claim on USSR

(By United Press)

A copy of the French-language Hungarian newspaper Nouvelle Revue de Hongrie, received Tuesday by the office of War Information contained an article by Finnish Premier Edwin Linkomies setting forth Finnish claims to Soviet territory.

Linkomies wrote:

"We have reconquered what was unjustly taken from us at the end of the winter's war, and we have even penetrated very far into a region which never belonged to Finland but which is Finnish-populated and must be annexed by Finland to give her adequately secure short frontiers."

The Recruiting Drive

Northwest District Begins to Move

The Northwest District (Seattle) sent in their Branches with the best recruiting records too late to be listed in the national statement. They are as follows:

Branch 350 in Seattle, with a quota of 28 has recruited 22. Albina Branch in Portland, Ore., with a quota of 10 has recruited 12.

Branch 210 in Seattle, with a quota of 18 has recruited 10.

The East Portland Branch has recruited nine.

Branch 330 in Seattle has recruited eight.

While the Seattle District has only reached 28 per cent of its goal at the midway point in the campaign, this district, we are told, has many surprises in store for the Party nationally.

This can only mean that every Branch and every member is going to really be activised on the basis of full understanding of the meaning and urgency of this campaign. The rest of the Party looks to be Seattle District and to Comrades Frankfeld and Huff to "make good" by the time of their district convention on May 1 and 2. Comrade Elizabeth Gurley Flynn will be on hand to represent the National Committee and she herself is an "expert" in Party building.

The Northwest District tells us about their six best Party Builders. Five out of six are industrial workers, four of them shipyard workers and one longshoreman. These five have recruited a total of 35 new members, 29 of whom are shipyard workers, including 11 Negro shipyard workers. The sixth is Esther Murphy of Portland who has also recruited nine new members.

The Northwest District surely has 50 more of this calibre of Party Builder plus every member recruiting one or two new members each.

Negro Women Swell Communist Ranks

Negroes, women, and workers in industry are prominent among those joining the Communist Party, a preliminary survey of the statistics of the current Party building drive in New York shows. An analysis of the first six weeks of the Drive which has just been made by the New York State organization of the Party reveals that of the 2,730 recruits analyzed, 539 are Negroes, 1,320 are women, and 1,406 are in industry, of whom 390 are in heavy industry.

The proportion of Negroes is 19.8 per cent, which is a considerable improvement of the relative strength of Negro membership in the Party. A very large number of these Negroes are working in industry, it is revealed, and about half of them are women.

Women comprise 48.5 per cent of the recruits. This figure is not regarded as satisfactory by the State Committee leadership in view of the growing importance of women in all phases of life, particularly in the trade unions and industry. Special efforts are being made, under the leadership of Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, to rectify this situation. Comrade Flynn's astounding success as the ace recruiter of the State will no doubt affect the figures for the latter part of the Drive.

Fifty-one and seven tenths per cent of the recruits are in industry; 14.3 per cent in basic industry. The next largest single group is housewives, who make up 19.6 per cent of the recruits. Then follow office and white collar workers with 17.3 per cent and professional workers with 7.2 per cent.

BUILDERS CONGRESS

These figures were released in preparation for the Party Builders Congress on Sunday, April 4th at 1 P.M. at Manhattan Center, 34th St. and 8th Ave. At this Congress the star recruiters of the Party will report to Earl Browder. While only Party builders will be delegates to the Congress, all Party and Young Communist League members are invited to the Congress and to bring their contacts with them so that they can be recruied at the Congress.

Earl Browder will make a major political speech on the Alter-Ehrlich intrigue, it was announced.

The plans for the Congress include, in addition to the speech of Browder, a brief address by Israel Amter, State Chairman of the Party, and an analysis of the Party Building Drive by Gilbert Green, State Secretary. The bulk of the meeting, however, will be given over to the delegates, who will report on their experiences and their plans for bringing in the 5,000 new members, which is the goal of the New York organization by May 1.

Wouldn't Grade Cans, Sells Rotten Peaches

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by the Food and Drug Administration with putting wormy baby food on the market.

WORMY BABY FOOD

The Food and Drug Administration has seized 200 cases of Gerber's Strained Peaches for Babies because they contained worms.

In a bulletin to its council on foods, the American Medical Association raises the question as to whether AMA endorsement of Gerber's baby foods ought to stand.

Dan Gerber, an official of the Gerber Baby Food Company, is also an official of OPA.

Brown took Gerber along with him to the House Agriculture Committee last week when the question of grade labelling was being discussed.

Gerber sided heatedly with lobbyists of the canning interests opposed to grade labelling who were present at the meeting.

It is to protect consumers against sale of defective food at high prices such as that put on the market by Gerber that the labor and consumer groups have joined in the battle for grade labelling.

A strong case of grade labelling was made before the Senate Agriculture Committee by Colston E. Warne, representing the Consumers Union.

Warne declared the price control "is meaningless without quality control."

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Union Lookout

UNION LEADERS JOIN SPONSORS' LIST FOR MAY DAY YANKEE STADIUM MEETING

As interest in the forthcoming May Day demonstration at Yankee Stadium on May 2 continues to mount, prominent labor leaders have added their names to the sponsor roll of the Labor for Unity and Victory Committee.

In announcing the above sponsors, the Labor for Unity and Victory Committee urged all organizations and individuals to immediately obtain tickets at the Committee offices, 80 E. 11th St., Room 337. Tickets are 55 cents each.

New sponsors of the meeting include: William Albertson of the Hotel and Restaurant Workers, Local 16, AFL; Clarina Michelson of the United Furniture Workers, Local 45B; Frank Dutto of the Bakers' Union, Local 1, AFL; Morris Gainor, Local 905, Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers, AFL; Norma Aaronson of Local 16, United Office and Professional Workers, CIO; V. Pina of the International Jewelry Workers' Union, Local 1, AFL; Irving Potash, Furriers' Joint Council, CIO; Adolph Rosenbaum of the Barbers' Union, Local 1, CIO; Alex Sirota, Local 148, United Furniture Workers, CIO; A. Schenck, Local 15, Barbers and Beauty Culturists, CIO; Sidney Mason, Local 1225, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers; Alex Millstone, Local 830, United Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Employes.

ASK SUPPORT AGAINST POLL TAX

Roy Whitman, president of the Industrial Insurance Agents' Union, Local 30, UOPWA, CIO, today communicated with the six New York City Congressmen who have not yet signed the Anti-Poll Tax Bill, HR 7, discharge petition, urging them to sign immediately. Mr. Whitman's letter to each of them said:

"The newspapers report that you are one of the six New York City Congressmen who has not yet signed the Poll Tax discharge petition, HR 7.

"On behalf of the members of our union, hundreds of whom are today fighting with the armed forces of our country, I urge you to sign the petition immediately.

"Our membership supports completely our war for freedom and feels that the freedom for which we are fighting must be granted to every American.

"May I again urge that you sign the discharge petition immediately and thus help grant freedom to millions of Americans."

BAKERS, 579, ELECTS FRIDAY

Primary elections for paid and unpaid officers of Bakers' Local 579, AFL, will be held Friday at union headquarters from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

Oscar Shindler, present manager, is a candidate for re-election. So is Max Kaplan, business agent.

The union, under Shindler's leadership, considerably improved the economic conditions of the members, and the local became one of the outstanding progressive unions in the city.

Other progressive candidates running for office with Shindler and Kaplan are Julius Meyerowitz for vice-chairman and Samuel Weisman for trustee.

RAISE $10,000 FOR SERVICE AID

Painters' District Council 9, AFL, has launched a drive for $10,000 to aid its members in military services. The drive will conclude with a concert at Manhattan Center on May 23.

FIGHT DISMISSAL OF WOMAN WORKER

While every government agency calls for greater employment of women, the Butchers' Mutual Casualty Company of New York has just fired a woman employe on the grounds that it wants to replace her with a man.

CIO white collar unionists, fighting the case, are calling for War Manpower Commission intervention to prevent the discharge.

A letter sent by Local 16, United Office and Professional Worker, to Mrs. Anna Rosenberg, WMC regional director, asks government cooperation to break down an "attitude detrimental to full utilization of womanpower."

The employe, Mrs. Gladys Simon Gordon, worked for the company six years before she was fired March 20. The local charges she was fired for union activity and has filed a complaint with the State Labor Relations Board.

Management representatives disclosed a bias against employment of women when they discussed the case with union representatives. Mr. Tice, personnel manager, said the firm wished to replace Mrs. Gordon with a man, and George Kramer, company president, said her discharge was motivated by the fact that married women were not efficient. Kramer added that he would probably replace other married women employed there as well.

The union is also fighting the discharge of Miss Blanche Landfield, who was also discharged by the company a few days after she had been given an increase in pay.

WHAT UNIONISTS SAY OF 'WORKER'

A union legislative representative has his hands full in trying to get a labor program across with this 78th Congress. Jack S. Zucker, who handles this job for the United Shoe Workers of America, CIO, says the Daily Worker helps him a lot.

"I find your paper a source for information on legislative, political, labor and other problems dealing with the war effort," he says. Mr. Zucker represents the shoe workers in Washington.

SOLDIERS' GIFTS HELD NOT TAXABLE

Any payments made voluntarily by employers to men or women in the armed forces do not constitute wages and are not subject to contributions under the New York State unemployment insurance law, Milton O. Loysen, executive director of the New York State Division of Placement and Unemployment Insurance, said today.

"In recent weeks we have received numerous inquiries from employers regarding voluntary payments to former employes now in service," said Mr. Loysen. "These payments, designed to make up at last partially for the difference between civilian and military earnings, are not taxable providing they entail no contractural obligation. However, if they represent commissions or are the result of a contract, they are subject to tax."

R.R. NEWS VENDORS WIN INCREASES

An arbitration award which brings raises of at least $2 to each of 576 Union News Company employes and more to some of them has just been won by the Book and Magazine Union, Local 18.

The award was handed down by Aaron L. Solomon, impartial chairman, under the provisions of a union contract with the company. Workers who get the raises, subject to War Labor Board approval, are vendors of newspapers, books and periodicals in news-stands in New York and surrounding railroad terminals.

Minimum salaries are raised from $16 to $24 for those stands with sales under $200 and salaries above $24 a week are established for those stands producing higher sales.

The guaranteed increase of at least $2 per employe is based on the rise in the cost of living. But many workers will receive more than that, if the War Labor Board approves the proposals, since raises are linked to increased stand sales. Some will receive as high as $24 a week more than before, if the arbitrator's recommendations are accepted."

ABC Stamps Expire, EDF Now Available

Blue stamps A, B, and C expire at midnight tonight while stamps D, E, F come into their own for processed foods.

Each civilian is entitled to 48 points worth of canned goods during April but will find that point values of many commodities have been reduced considerably while all dried and dehydrated fruits have been temporarily removed from rationing.

State CIO Leaders Flay Rally

Eight members of the New York State CIO Council executive board yesterday issued a statement declaring that President Gustave Strebel of the Council did not speak for them when he joined with sponsors of the Ehrlich-Alter campaign.

"As members of the Executive Board of the State CIO Council, we wish to disassociate ourselves from the statement made by our President, Gutsav Strebel which appeared in today's New York Times. We wish to go on record to the effect that the President did not express our views and that the Executive Board gave him no authority to issue such statements.

"We are very much opposed to the idea that the President of the State CIO Council become involved with this anti-Soviet campaign. The Soviet Union is an important ally of ours. Actions of this kind aim to disrupt the unity of the United Nations; are harmful to our war effort and a definite hindrance to a victory over fascism."

The signers are:

Charles Fay, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers; Irving Potash, International Fur and Leather Workers of America; Douglas L. MacMahon, Transport Workers Union of America; Peter K. Hawley, United Office and Professional Workers of America; Isadore Dosenberg, United Shoe Workers of America; Max Perlow, United Furniture Workers of America; Josephine Timms, American Communications Association; Ferdinand Smith, National Maritime Union.

ASSAIL SOVIET-HATERS

Labor unions continued to express indignation at the Soviet-haters who have promoted the Ehrlich-Alter campaign, in the form of letters and wires to Senator Mead, Mayor LaGuardia and labor leaders who addressed the Mecca Temple "protest" rally Tuesday.

"This meeting is a brazen attempt to destroy the unity of the United Nations and thereby prevent the immediate opening of a western front which is the only guarantee for victory over Hitlerism," declared a statement of ten heads of CIO department store unions with a total membership of 8,000.

Speaking in behalf of 5,000 members of Local 430, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, James B. Carey, the latter a speaker at the meeting, condemning any association with the Mecca Temple meeting.

"Deeds not words are what count and the deeds of the Soviet Union in this war give us no reason to believe that this trial was not a fair one and was not necessary to eliminate those found guilty. It is significant to note that the Ehrlich-Alter meeting has rallied all those forces who have been anti-Soviet Union for many years, in addition to some honest but confused people."

Reporting similar action, Bernard Segal, President of Social Service Employes Union, said:

"I will venture to predict that it will not be long before we all realize the sinister nature of the forces promoting this latest anti-Soviet outburst."

Norma Aronson, general organizer of Local 16, United Office and professional Workers, declared:

"The famous Moscow trials of men whose treachery has been proved beyond doubt, should have taught us the dangers of hysteria, misrepresentation and confusion. Yet today when all our attention and energies should be used to deepen the unity of the United Nations and speed the opening of the western front, it's alarming to find labor leaders, who in speaking for Alter and Ehrlich, are actually attacking a major ally."

Seaman Hero Tours Plant

Seaman Basil D. Izzy, 30, one of the three seamen who drifted 83 days in a raft in the South Atlantic, is shown with Rear Admiral C. H. Woodward, Retired, looking at a photo of himself and his companions taken during the rescue. Izzy hails from South Barre, Massachusetts.

How ILGWU Members Feel About Ehrlich-Alter

By Arnold Ames

(Member of Cutters, Local ILGWU; several times rank and file candidate for President and other posts.)

With all the ballyhoo in the appeaser press, as well as in some of the more "respectable" newspapers about the Alter-Ehrlich case, little has been reported about the reaction of the ILGWU membership to this renewed anti-Soviet hate campaign.

While Dubinsky, president of the ILGWU, does issue press releases claiming support from one or another professional Soviet hater and one or two "practical" politicians, he conspicuously failed to claim official or unofficial support from his own membership in his present Alter-Ehrlich anti-Soviet hate campaign, and particularly from his "own" Cutters Local 10.

President Dubinsky, who is past master in anti-democratic methods and procedure, no doubt would have liked to force through some form of official endorsement from as many local unions as possible. But he did not dare to try it.

President Dubinsky, whatever else he may not know, knows his membership pretty well.

He knows that our membership is among the most progressive and militant groups in the American labor movement.

He also knows that the members of the ILGWU have demonstrated time and again their sympathy and close friendship and solidarity with the great Soivet ally.

He nevertheless sought to introduce the subject in the form of an expression of sympathy for the two traitors by standing for a minute's silence.

Even this weak attempt was a complete flop. In every local union where this procedure was followed, an insignificant group responded (these included of course the business agents, some board members and similar elements).

In Local 9 and 117, the members, with just a small exception, not only failed to rise for a minute's silence, but responded with a storm of protest against those who attempt to create division in our ranks by sniping at the Soviet Union. In Local 60, where no action was taken, an attempt to raise it from the floor was met with a three quarters of an hour protest against the attempt to inject the anti-United Nations discussion on the floor of the local meeting.

In Dubinsky's own stronghold, Cutters Local 10, where he was once manager and is still a member, the attempt to raise the Alter-Ehrlich case flopped similarly. The assistant manager of the local, Louis Stulberg, was assigned to do the job. Before he had an opportunity to finish his eulogy of Alter and Ehrlich, a storm of protest broke loose in the hall. At the same time, the officials and stooges stood up.

The members, instead of rising to pay tribute to the two fascist agents, stood up in protest against involving our union in behalf of the two traitors.

In the course of all the shouting, the chairman, brother Shapiro, constantly pounded the gavel and shouted for the members to sit down. By that time, the writer and other rank and file members called for the floor but to no avail.

Of course we don't expect Brother Dubinsky to send out news releases to the press as to what his own membership thinks of the renewed anti-Soviet hate campaign.

Nor do we think that he informed Mayor LaGuardia and Senator Mead when he aked them to participate.

Practical Nurses Are Needed Here

The New York City Nursing Council for War Service, appealed to the public yesterday to use practical nurses whenever possible, to help relieve the serious shortage of registered nurses. In a statement urging New Yorkers to cooperate with this plan, Miss Mary Burr, executive secretary of the Council, announced that her organization has decided to undertake the recruiting of new students for the various schools of practical nursing in New York as well as for the hospital schools of professional nursing.

"More women are needed in practical nursing," Miss Burr said, "and it is an opportunity for the older woman who wants a job, not only in this war emergency, but to enter a vocation for which there will be an increasing demand. Training for this work is open to any woman between the ages of 18 and 50 who has completed elementary school.

WLB Okays Fifth Ave. Coach Pact

The Transport Workers Union was informed yesterday that its fight to retain two men on double-decker buses on the Fifth Ave. Coach Co. was approved by the War Labor Board.

The WLB's approval was of an arbitration award handed down recently by Dr. John P. Boland, former chairman of the War Labor Board, which also provided a general increase of eight cents an hour and adjustments for mechanics ranging up to 17 cents an hour.

The dispute developed out of the negotiations for a contract that was to go into effect on April 30, 1942. The Boland decision was rendered after extensive hearings for several months.

The pact covers 1,200 workers.

A day before the board rendered its decision, John H. Ritchie, chairman of the company's board, charged the TWU with undermining the company's profits by its insistence on two men on a double-decker bus. Citing the Boland and WLB decisions, the union said their verdict ought to be adequate proof of the justice of the union's case.

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WAR BONDS

A Bulletin Board With a Punch—

(Special to the Daily Worker)

SAN FRANCISCO, March 31.—If you go down to the headquarters of AFL Pile Drivers Local 34 at 457 Bryant Street and let your eyes stray over the union bulletin board you'll get a solid idea as to the scope of the union's educational activities. And we mean scope in more than one way—the bulletin board is a good 60 feet long, divided into sections.

It provides information on every subject affecting the daily life of its members—on rationing, legislation, government orders, financial expenditures of the union, work of the committees, labor's part in the war, transportation, housing and a lot more.

It's a big job for the girls in the office to handle, because they have to go through a lot of material to cut items of interest.

The boys know that whenever they get into an argument they can get the lowdown from material at the headquarters. For instance, there's a set of bound notebooks containing issues of Labor Notes, Economic Notes, Economic Outlook, In Fact, and one labeled "Miscellaneous" on the shelf right near the tables where the boys hang out offshift playing cards and shooting the breeze.

NOTES OF INTEREST

We made a little survey of the bulletin board and examined the material tacked on it.

The first section was very interesting—we could see why it was just about the most popularly read. It's the one set up for the personal use of members. They tack all kinds of things on—letter, clippins, ads.

Like the little handwritten ad: "Heavy rubber pants and jacket for sale, Suitable for Alaska." Or the note from a widow thanking the union for having disposed of her husband's tools through a raffle. There's letter from a former member telling the boys he's doing okeh at a naval school.

A member writes from the army: "Greetings, boys, everything is fine back here, and from the looks of 34's last bulletin as well as 'Victory Through Unionism,' you are not doing so badly yourselves. . . . The next thing we expect is a movie by the progressive, pro-victory unions of good old Frisco. . . .

"Have seen and talked to quite a few of No. 34 boys in the 1052nd H. Q. company. They seem to be happy. Everyone, of course, is anxious to get into action. . . ."

You walk down the hall a short distance to the "committee information" board. It contains the minutes of the meetings of the executive, stewards' and investigating committees, as well as of the regular union meetings. There's a form for reporting OPA price ceiling violations, as well as a form used for filing grievances.

Another section of the bulletin board is entitled "Jobs for You," and includes civil service job openings in outside areas, such as Hawaii, Alaska, Central America.

LEGISLATIVE BOARD

The fourth section is called the "legislative board." This plays up the weekly newsletter of the AFL and clippings from papers on transportation.

A clipping from a local commercial paper reads: "Joseph Padway, chief counsel for the American Federation of Labor, believes many of America's labor dificulties could be solved if at least two labor leaders were named to President Roosevelt's Cabinet. . . ."

Another section, entitled "Our Government," runs all the material pertaining to government regulations. There was, for instance, a schedule of ration dates on sugar, coffee, shoes. And a letter from a ration official declaring that "driving for the purpose of attending union meetings is not construed as pleasure driving."

"Our Union Life, All Out for Victory," is the last section of the bulletin board, and it contains the hard-hitting bulletin of the California State CIO, "Problems and Recommendations in California War Production," part of which was recently published in The People's World.

We asked one of the girls working in the union office: "Do the guys read all this?"

"Oh, yes; certain boards are quite popular."

"How about those bound volumes of Labor Notes and such?"

"They're used, all right. I never realized it, though, until some members came up to me and asked if the latest numbers had come in yet."

She was quite proud in pointing out a recent issue of Giacomo Patri's page in The Chronicle, which was exhibited on the wall. The whole page was devoted to the pile-drivers, and it published "The Pile-drivers' Son," with music, the words of which began:

"O, drive 'em hard,
And drive 'em deep,
Sink those piles
Away to sleep."

A poem was included on the page, too, written by Edwin John Howell and ending:

"And brothers — we could butt piles for a peace foundation that couldn't beat!"

Unions Honor Soviet Seamen

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BOSTON, March 31. — The Greater Boston Industrial Union Council will honor visiting Soviet seamen at a reception and dance on Friday, April 2, at 8 P.M., in the Lobby Salon, Hotel Bradford. Speakers will include Joseph Salerno, president of the Massachusetts CIO, Robert Mills, port agent, National Maritime Union, Mrs. Claude Isbister of Massachusetts Russian War Relief, and a Russian seaman.

Entertainment will consist of balalaika music, Russian chorus and dancers. Many delegates to the State CIO convention opening the following day are expected to attend. Wide interest in the affair is being shown by Boston trade unionists, eager to meet the fighting Russian trade unionists.

Subscription is 75 cents. Proceeds will be donated to Russian War Relief.

2 Retail Locals Merge; Call for Europe Invasion

Members of Local 830, United Retail and Wholesale Employees, CIO, moved forward with four big strides at a membership meeting Tuesday night at Hotel Diplomat.

They voted for the following:

1. Approval of the merger with Local 1199, Retail Drug Store Employes, to form a union of 4,000 members.

2. Called for invasion of Europe for victory in 1943 and pledged full support to the President's policies.

3. Presented a check of $3,000 on the local's pledge of $10,000 towards the Labor War Chest, to be allocated to the Red Cross, Soviet, British, Chinese and other war aid causes.

4. Elected a delegation for the May Day conference, April 10, to arrange the Yankee Stadium demonstration.

President Morris Muster of the United Furniture Workers, CIO, received a check for the War Chest.

A committee consisting of president Alex Millstone and business representatives Nathan Solomon and Bernard Altman of Local 830, organization director Leon J. Davis, treasurer Edward Ayash, and executive member Ben Bookchin from Local 1199 was designated by the joint membership of the respective locals to effect the actual amalgamation of both unions.

The new union, with a joint membership of over 4,000 has 850 members serving with the armed forces. The union will be officered by Benjamin Gudes, president; Alex Millstone, secretary-treasurer; Edward Ayash, welfare director, and business agents Bernard Altman, William Anderson, Louis Basis, Leo Davis, Edward Insinga, Irving Kaminsky, Abe Kirschner, Charles Marks, Sam Nesin and Nathan Solomon.

Your Money's Worth:

Health Isn't Rationed, Says Mrs. Smith

And ladies, since more and more doctors will be needed for our men in the Service, we urge all of you—especially those of you who have children—to take the Home Nursing course.

Our friend Mrs. Average American Family, whom we'll all recognise from now on by the name of Smith, since it's so much shorter, laid her hand on her neighbor's arm.

"Mrs. Keane! What do you say, Mrs. Keane? Shall we sign up?"

"Well I guess so, Mrs. Smith, but I'd rather take that course you told me about on nutrition, so I can be sure to get my money's worth in health for my family when I go shopping. Isn't that more practical?"

"Both courses are practical, and we ought to take both. But this home nursing will give you YOUR MONEY'S WORTH in health, too, by reducing your doctor bills."

"Mrs. Keane, yoo hoo, Mrs. Keane, do you have some time to study now for the exam tonight?"

"Sure, Mrs. Smith, come over and bring Susan with you—she can play with Bobby."

"I'll be right over!"

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"Are you ready, Mrs. Keane? Answer this—What can you do to prevent a cold?"

1. Avoid too heavy or too warm clothing, and superheated homes or workrooms. Wear ordinary clothes—both underwear and outer garments, at home and in the shop. Outdoor temperature can best be met by overcoats, with auxiliary jackets or vests, if you need them.

2. Get out of wet or sweaty clothes as soon as you can.

3. Keep rooms at even temperature. That shock you feel when you step out of an overheated room into a brisk day is one of the most common causes of cold.

4. Get fresh air, indoors and out, but keep away from drafts.

5. Stay away from people who cough and sneeze. Don't visit friends who have a "touch of grippe."

6. Keep fingers away from nose and mouth and wash lands before eating.

7. If you think you are catching cold, avoid heavy foods, eat plenty of fruits, fresh vegetables and milk, and drink lots of water. Get plenty of rest.

8. Stay away from crowds.

"That's correct, Mrs. Keane."

"Now, I'll ask you one, Mrs. Smith. What do you do for a cold?"

"Well, let's see—

1. Get into bed—rest is very necessary.

2. Keep warm. Use light weight woolen blankets and keep a warm robe handy.

3. Open a window to let some fresh air in, but avoid drafts.

4. Drink plenty of water and other hot and cold liquids, particularly orange, lemon and grapefruit juice.

5. Eat light nourishing foods.

6. If necessary, take a mild laxative.

7. A hot tub bath—if you are not too weak—will be soothing, and will probably result in a refreshing sleep.

8. Don't try all the remedies suggested by well-meaning friends. Ask your doctor to suggest good nose drops to relieve head congestion.

9. Discourage visitors. Instead, try some light reading."

Do's and Don'ts on Points

1—DO keep a current list of point values posted in your kitchen. Check before shopping and make out your list so that you won't waste your time and the shopkeeper's.

2—DO plan a week's menus in advance. You can intelligently make substitutions if selections are not available. Be sure your meals are planned around the low-point, more plentiful products.

3—DO use your high points first, since storekeepers cannot make change if your available stamps have a higher point value than your purchase.

4—DON'T buy canned fruits or vegetables if fresh ones that are in season aren't too expensive.

5—DON'T use up all your points at the beginning of the given period so that you will be "caught short" at the end of the period.

6—DON'T use up all your points during the given period if you don't actually need the articles. Points can be carried over to the beginning of the next rationing period.

TODAY'S RECIPES

BUTTERLESS RECIPES

MACARONI WITH CHEESE AND TOMATO SOUP

1 cup macaroni
1 1/3 cups tomato soup
¼ cup chopped or grated cheese crumbs

Break macaroni into pieces 1 inch long, boil, strain and rinse. Stir cheese into hot, well-seasoned tomato soup and put macaroni and sauce in baking dish, that has been greased with Spry or Crisco, in layers. Sprinkle crumbs on top and brown well in hot oven.

COLD BORSCHT WITH SOUR CREAM

1 large bunch of beets with leaves
2 quarts boiled water
½ lemon
¼ cup sugar
Sour cream

Pour hot water over beets and peel. Grate coarsely on grater. Empty into soup pot. Pour boiled water over it. Bring to boil. Skim surface. Add ½ lemon and ¼ cup sugar. Rinse beet leaves with cold water and place in pot. Cook on low flame for 35-45 minutes, depending on the quality of the beets. Cool. When serving add one tablespoon of sour cream to each plate of borscht.

SCALLOPED POTATOES

6 medium potatoes.
1 teaspoon salt.
2 tablespoons flour.
1 cup boiling water.
1 cup evaporate milk.

Pare and slice potatoes. Arrange in a greased baking dish in layers, sprinkling each layer with salt and flour. Add water and milk and bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees) until potatoes are tender, about 1 hour.

No Kidding!

Dexter Picks St. Louis Browns To Win Pennant

By C. E. Dexter

Never in the history of baseball has a team wearing the uniform of the St. Louis Browns won a pennant. Only twice since 1900 have the Brownies gone as high as second—in 1902 and 1922.

But, this being a war year when anything can happen, the Missouri representatives in the American League today face the greatest opportunity in their checkered history. The Yankees have been riddled by war losses. The Red Sox have lost Williams, Dom DiMaggio and Pesky. The Indians are the sole team which has not suffered too much, but they go into the fray without Bob Feller for the second time.

The Browns, however, can mark up just one important gap in their regular line-up—Walter Judnich, hard-hitting centerfielder was called up recently. There are rumors that Vernon Stevens, crack shortstop, may go soon. If he does, his will be a serious loss.

But, in comparison with almost every other team in the game, the Browns come up for 1943 with strength in all departments.

The infield lines up with McQuinn at first; Don Gutteridge at second, Stephens at short and Harland Cliff at third—exactly as it was last year, when the team finished in third place. It's not a hard-hitting crew, for McQuinn slumped to .262, Clift hit only .274 and Gutteridge .255. But Stephens' .294 great for a shortstop. As a fielding combination, it's slick.

The infield has plenty of reserve strength. Two veteran utility men are around, Alan Strange and Don Heffner. The rookies include hard-hitting Floyd Baker from San Antonio; Mack Christman from Toledo; Bob Dillinger from Toledo and Charles Stevens from the same club.

Lacking Judnich's power and speed, the outfield is off a trifle. But it's still strong. Chet Laabs, the Browns' home-run hitter is a powerhouse in left. Glenn McQuillen and Mike Kreevich will share Judnich's job. Mike Chartak and Tony Criscola will divvy up in rightfield. They are all experienced, all fair hitters. Rookie Milt Byrnes is unlikely to be retained.

The catching staff is headed by two veterans, Rick Ferrell and Frank Hayes, both of whom are past their peak, but both of whom are great handlers of pitchers. Joe Schultz from Memphis is a hard-hitting receiver, and Ardys Keller, from Toledo, may do bullpen work.

In pitching the Browns shine. They lack the winning records of such Yankee stars as Bonham, Chandler, Russo and Borowy, but the St. Louis hurlers have experience, and are present in large numbers.

Outstanding on the staff are George Caster, who won 8 and lost 2 last season in relief roles; Dennie Galehouse, a 12 game winner; Al Hollingsworth, who chalked up a 10-6 record despite the fact he looked through three seasons before; the butterfly ball man, Johnny Niggeling, who won 15 and lost 11; and Steve Sundra, who won 9 lost 6. Elden Auker and Jack are missing, but the Browns come up with many replacements. Paul Dean, for instance, staged a come-back last season at Houston, where he won 19 games. From New Orleans comes star left-hander Bill Seinsoth, who won 24 games in the Southern Association.

All in all, this is a seasoned line-up, full of capable players, without much batting punch, with a good infield, a fair outfield, acceptable catching, and strong pitching. That's an awful lot, especially this year.

Backing up the active players is one of the best managers in the game, intelligent, optimistic Luke Sewell. He has many of the qualities which brought success to Billy Southworth last season, and although his team is no youthful streak of speed like the Cardinals, he knows how to impart spirit to a group of players who have lacked morale in the past only because they wore the uniform of the Browns.

As of today the St. Louis American League out fit should top the American League, as the Cardinals should pace the National.

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Experts at Work

Mike Singer: I pick Wyoming. Why? Because Wyoming has big ranches, thousands of acres of rich soil, terrific mountains, no subways and lots of horses. Besides, I once saw a cowboy ride his horse into an Eighth Ave. haberdashery store and come out 10 minutes later wearing (the horse I mean) a panama hat, a yellow and green sport shirt with bandanna - style necktie, rainbow-colored socks and the clerk between his teeth. *You can't beat that kind of a team.*

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Nat Low: I pick St. John's. Why? Because, St. John's is in Brooklyn and Brooklyn has cowboys too — thousands of them along Pitkin Ave., Ocean Parkway, Kings Highway, Fulton St. and almost on every corner. Brooklyn has flatlands and pretty girls and the Dodgers. Brooklyn is rich in colorful language and colorful people—many of whom have relatives in the Bronx which makes them all the more interesting. *St. John's should beat Wyoming. Hi Ho, Flatbush.*

Beau Jack? He'll Be There Too...

Some years ago Al Jolson played in a show called "Bombo." In one scene Jolson appeared with a tall, gorgeous blonde, slightly dressed. They exchanged banter for a while and then suddenly Jolson turned to the audience to remark: "Hey, I'm up here too."

There is so much hullabaloo surrounding the appearance at Madison Square Garden on Friday night of Henry Armstrong, one-time triple champion making his first New York start since he began his spectacular comeback last summer, that at any moment one may expect Beau Jack, Henry's opponent, to step forward and say: "Hey, I'm in that fight, too."

So much has been written about Armstrong this week that some fans may have the impression he is engaging in a shadow-boxing exhibition in the Garden ring. But there are actually going to be two fighters in that ring on Friday night and the party of the second part will be the current world lightweight champion, Beau Jack.

Not only will Beau Jack be there but he will be out to prove that, of the "two Henry Armstrongs" now in action, he—Beau Jack—is the better.

Most important factor in favor of Beau Jack is his youth. He is 21. Armstrong was—and is—a great fighter. He has compiled a most imposing record during the past ten months. But no matter how much praise one may lavish on Armstrong, the fact remains that he is 30 years old. Nothing said or written in behalf of Armstrong can alter that fact.

Another mighty important factor favoring Beau Jack is his ability to throw uppercuts. Now a lot of fighters throw uppercuts, but none in action today throws them with the effectiveness achieved by Beau Jack. What better punch is there to use against the boxing style employed by Armstrong?

Perhaps, though, psychology will play a part in this fight. The other day in Stillman's gymnasium, while Armstrong was sparring, Beau Jack stood off in a corner staring, in wide-eyed awe, at his long-time ring idol.

Casey Loins 'Em

WALLINGFORD, Conn., March 31 (UP).—Manager Casey Stengel devoted an hour of the Boston Braves' practice drills today to the science of base-running with particular emphasis on double steals. Ed Walsh, former big league spitball pitcher, pitched in batting practice. Pitcher Nate Andrews' right hand, hurt Sunday by a hard line drive, was given a thorough baking treatment.

All Proceeds to Red Cross:

Wyoming vs. St. John's Tonite For National Cage Title

By Nat Low

The final and, what promises to be, thrilling climax to the 1942-43 basketball season will be unwound tonight at the Garden when Wyoming, winners of the NCAA tourney takes on St. John's, winners of the Invitation Tourney in a game which will decide the national championship of the cage world.

In the first game, Toledo will play Georgetown, both teams being runner-ups in their respective tourneys.

The entire proceeds of the grand show will go to the annual drive of the Red Cross and already there are indications that an all-time attendance record will be set—and certainly a financial record for prices for the Red Cross have been jacked up considerably.

Tuesday night Wyoming proved that it will be more than a formidable foe for St. John's when the cowboys ran wild in the last ten minutes of play to draw alongside Georgetown and then pull irristibly ahead to win by 46-34. Capt. Ken Sailors treated the Garden to an exhibition of basketball that had the 13,000 or so fans hoarse and groggy at the end. With giant Milo Komenich, the man who is usually the big gun in the Westerners attack, stymied and held to only nine points by Georgetown's 6 foot 8 inch Johnny Mahnken, Sailors came through with a blazing exhibition to score 16 points—most of them late in the last half when they really counted. . . .

KOMENICH VS. BOYKOFF

Tonight's game may well resolve itself into a battle between giant centers when Boykoff takes the floor against Komenich. Nobody has been quite able to stop Big Boy this year but if he is to be stopped Komenich is the man to do it. For coupled with his height, the Wyoming ace also has speed, ball-handling ability and a sure shooting eye.

However, what may even be more important than the struggle between the centers is the business of this game being an anti-climax to the games which have already been played. St. John's was certainly "primed" for the Invitation Tourney and was able to reach a physical and psychological peak which carried it through three magnificent games. However, there is some doubt that the Redmen will be able to carry that peak into tonight's game.

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The individual duel between Boykoff, St. John's 6-9 center, and Komenich, the Cowboys' 6-7 pivot ace, should prove a thriller. Harry outplayed such tall centers as Bill Closs of Rice and Jim Glass of Toledo in the Invitation, but he's conceding considerable weight and experience to Komenich who outscored Boykoff in the regular season—401 points to 326. In his three Invitation games Boykoff scored 56 points to Komenich's 48 in three NCAA contests.

Wyoming has the height, speed and under-the-basket skill to cope with the best the Redmen can throw at the lads from the cattle ranges. Sailors, who made 16 points against Georgetown, is one of the most elusive dribblers and one-handed shots ever to appear in the Garden with an all-season scoring mark of 363. He was an unanimous All-Rocky Mountain choice last year and was rated the fastest player in that circuit.

The Cowboys have another husky in James Weir, who stands 6-5. Weir wasn't at his best against Georgetown, being held to five points, but during the past campaign he looped 224 counters through the nets.

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TOLEDO-GEORGETOWN

It is a trick of fate that Georgetown and Toledo should meet. They are old sparring partners. No two opposing teams are better acquainted with each other's style. Last week's practice sessions in the Garden for tournament entrants were enlivened by two vigorous scrimmages between the Hoyas and the Rockets. They went at one another full tilt and honors were even with one victory apiece.

Toledo was badly mangled by St. John's in the Invitation final mainly because Fuzzy Levane stuck to Davage Minor closer than adhesive tape. If the Negro star finds his shooting eye this evening Georgetown may be in for a rough evening, but after their defeats of NYU and DePaul and their fierce struggle with those tall Wyoming Cowboys until the final minutes of play the little Hoyas unless they shot their bolt in the NCAA championship test, are probably ready for anything the Rockets dish out.

Lineups for Tonight's Games:

FIRST GAME: 8:00 P.M.

No.	TOLEDO	Position	GEORGETOWN	No.
15	Bob Bolyard	Left Forward	Dan Gabbianelli	15
10	Davage Minor	Right Forward	James Reilly	11
5	James Glass	Center	John Mahnken	3
6	Charles Harmon	Left Guard	Billy Hassett	14
4	Dallas Zuber	Right Guard	Danny Kraus	21

TOLEDO RESERVES: Art Grove (7), Charles Edwards (9), John Kucer (12), Bob Heisy (17), Al Gladieux (18).
GEORGETOWN RESERVES: Lloyd Poiolicchio (5), Henry Hyde (7), Bill Feeney (10), Bob Duffey (16), Frank Finnerty (17).
OFFICIALS: Matty Begovitch and Sam Schoenfeld.

SECOND GAME

No.	WYOMING	Position	ST. JOHN'S	No.
4	Ken Sailors	Left Forward	Andy Levane	14
16	James Weir	Right Forward	Larry Baxter	9
17	Milo Komenich	Center	Harry Boykoff	11
5	Floyd Volker	Left Guard	Al Moschetti	6
7	James Collins	Right Guard	Frank Pianiamura	17

WYOMING RESERVES: Earl Ray (8), Lewis Roney (9), Jimmie Reese (11), Don Waite (12).
ST. JOHN'S RESERVES: Tom Nelson (3), Ray Wertis (4), John Slattery (7), Maurice Robinson (8), Hy Gotkin (12), Peter Savio (15), Herb Classon (16), Alfred O'Brien (18), Joseph Bartlett (19).
OFFICIALS: Pat Kennedy and Joe Burns.

Big Poison and Little Poison—The Big Boy is Harry Boykoff of course — the little guy is none other than Hy Gotkin whom Toledo called, "The Pest." . . . Boykoff is 6:9—Gotkin is 5:3.

Notables Who Protested Anti-Soviet Meeting Here

The full list of 50 prominent mid-town New Yorkers who signed the public statement upholding the Soviet executions of the spies Victor Alter and Hendrik Ehrlich follows:

Irwin Davidson, State Assemblyman, 7th A. D.
Dr. Harold Aaron.
H. Abrams, Chairman, American Labor Party, 11th Assembly District.
The Rev. Charles B. Ackley.
Professor Frank E. Beube.
Mrs. Delphine Brandon.
Professor Dorothy Brewster.
The Rev. J. Allcock Brimelow.
Professor Edwin Berry Burgum.
Richard Correll, artist.
Dr. Harry Cohen.
Mrs. Rebecca Cohen.
Elizabeth Davidoff.
Dr. Ernest Dupree.
Seon Felshin, Chairman, American Labor Party, 9th Assembly District.
Regina Federgreen, League of Women Shoppers.
Pansy Flaum.
Dr. Maurice Goldberg.
Mrs. Lillian Goldberger.
A. Lewis Golding.
Chaim Gross, sculptor.
Minna Harkavy, sculptor.
Paul J. Kern.
Charles Keller, artist.
Isabel Knightley.
Golda Lewis.
Professor and Mrs. William Malisoff.
Herbert E. Marks, music publisher.
Alma Garcia de Munz.
Mrs. Davis Miller.
Leon Quat, attorney.
Constantine Radzie.
Dr. S. Locke.
Wallingford Riegger, composer.
The Rev. James H. Robinson, Church of the Master.
General Nicholas Roodsson.
Dr. M. R. Ross.
Dr. Annette T. Rubinstein, principal, Robert Louis Stevenson School.
Mrs. Jean Rubinstein, lecturer.
Mr. and Mrs. A. Sherlow.
M. B. Sherman.
Dr. Adele Sicular, consultant at Mt. Sinai Hospital.
Raphael Soyer, artist.
Henry Steig, writer.
Robert Stanley, chairman, American Labor Party, 7th Assembly District.
Edward Strong, National Negro Congress.
Professor Bernhard J. Stern.
Alice Holdship Ware.
Regina Wilson.

Sholem Asch Will Chair USSR Dinner

Dr. Nachum Goldman, chairman of the Administrative Committee of the World Jewish Congress and Sholem Asch, eminent Jewish writer, have accepted as chairman for "The American-Soviet Jewish Unity Dinner," Sunday, May 2, at the Hotel Commodore, it was announced today by Dr. Chaim Zhitlowsky, chairman of the Committee of Jewish Artists and Writers in the United States.

The aim of the dinner is to "further close collaboration between the Jews of the United States and Soviet-Russia in time of war—in time of peace and in time of reconstruction of European Jewry and the upbuilding of Palestine," Dr. Zhitlowsky further declared.

In accepting the sponsorship for the dinner committee, Herman Hoffman, Grandmaster of the Independent Order of Brith Abraham, issued the following statement:

"Now, more than ever, it is essential for the world to recognize the uncompromising solidarity of the United Nations, and that particularly the unity of the Jews of American and the Soviet Union are deeply concerned in the ultimate reconstruction of European Jewry and the upbuilding of Palestine following the peace."

Other sponsors are Congressman Emanuel Celler: Senator J. P. Davis of Pennsylvania; Governor Colgate W. Darden, Jr., of Virginia; Congressman Vito Marcantonic; Senator William Langer of North Dakota, and Governor Robert O. Blood of New Hampshire.

Theatre Unions Donate Work To Red Cross

With the opening of "Red Cross Week in the Theatres" today and the presentation of the "Red Cross Show" at Madison Square Garden on Monday, April 5, the various labor units of the entertainment industries will make new contributions to the Red Cross War Fund drive.

Approximately 1,200 union motion picture operators and 600 stage hands are to donate their services, for overtime incurred during the Red Cross collections and showing of the Red Cross film in the 580 picture houses of the five boroughs between April 1 and April 7. Several hundred more are donating their services to the Madison Square Garden extravaganza April 5.

Those volunteering for Red Cross Motion Picture Week are from Moving Picture Machine Operators, Local 306; Theatrical Stage Employees, Local 4, both of the AFL, and the Empire State Operators Union, independent.

Those who will serve without pay in the "Red Cross Show" at the Garden include the International Alliance of Theatrical and Stage Employees, the American Federation of Musicians, Local 802, the International Branch of Teamsters and Chauffeurs, Local 816, the Moving Picture Operators, Local 306, and the Building Service Employees International Union.

WHAT'S ON

RATES: What's On notices for the Daily and The Worker are 35c per line (6 words to a line—3 times minimum).
DEADLINE: Daily at 12 Noon. For Sunday, Wednesday at 4 P. M.

Tomorrow

INTERPRETATION of the Week. Review of the News by Morris U. Schappes. 8:40 P.M. School for Democracy, 13 Astor Pl. Admission 35c.

FORUM: "Report to the Electorate." Councilman Pete Cacchione. OWI movies. Biltmore Hall, Church & Flatbush Aves., B'klyn. Ausp.: Flatbush Club, C.P.

The LOW DOWN

Talking to Henry Armstrong: An Afternoon at Stillman's Gym

NAT LOW

Stillman's Gym had more people in it than we have ever seen there before. We had to elbow our way through the crowds to get to the dressing rooms behind the rings.

Behind the doors of one of the rooms we heard the voices of a few men—including that of Henry Armstrong.

We knocked on the door and answered the who's there with: "Nat Low, of the Daily Worker.

We heard Armstrong say, "Oh, the Daily Worker, let him in. . . ."

We strolled in and there was Armstrong sitting on a little stool, having his hands taped by his trainer. His face broke into a large, warm smile as he saw us and he extended his left hand (his right was in use) and shook ours with a firm grasp. . . .

The first thing he said was: "How's your paper coming along? —How's things?"

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We sat down near the great ex-triple titleholder and watched him carefully as his trainer laboriously wound the tape around Armstrong's surprisingly small fists. This was almost the same Henry who was here three years ago as the greatest little fighter in the entire world. Slightly heavier and more relaxed than before, but basically the same Indian-faced man with the sharp nose, high cheekbones and jutting chin.

We spoke of this and that, about his health and his family, about his comeback—and then about his eyes.

Here Henry spoke quietly but firmly. "I want to tell you about my eyes so that there won't be concern on the part of your readers for my well being. . . . True my eyes were cut badly by Zivic in those two fights here, but they were surface cuts above the eyes which were over-exaggerated by the papers. Why people thought I'd be walking around with a cane . . . they were starting to pity me. . . .

"But actually there was no real danger and when I had the cuts operated on they were as good as ever. . . . All I needed then was a rest and that I got. For sixteen months all I did was eat, sleep and rest in Los Angeles. . . . That fixed me up and when I felt all better I started to train and think seriously of my comeback.

"I've had eighteen fights in my comeback and haven't had my eyes cut once. . . . Is that proof of their strength? . . . Do you think I wouldn't know when to quit if my eyesight and health were in danger?"

It sounded true and sincere to us and we couldn't help but agree with it and told him so, but at the same time told him we would be pulling for him not to get hurt. . . .

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At this point a soldier came in and beamed all over Henry. "Gee, I'm glad to see you back, Henry. I'll be in your corner Friday night rooting for you. . . . You're the best—you're tops. . . . THIS is the big fight, Henry."

To which Armstrong replied in a flash: **"You're wrong, soldier—YOURS is the big fight. . . . We've gotta win that one before any other . . . "**

Then turning to me, Henry said, **"This war, like all wars, is destructive. But at the same time it is creative because it is helping to make a new world. It is helping to end discrimination—it is helping to make all people equal. . . . "**

His four trainers and handlers, all Negroes, nodded their assent to this.

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We were discussing the war and in the middle Henry spoke and said: **"Russia has been the backbone of the war. . . . We would have been lost without them. . . . "**

And a few minutes later, in speaking of the fight for Negro rights and equality, the great little battler paid this homage: **"When the fight for Negro equality and rights has been fully won, and we are already well on the way, the Negro people should build a monument to the Daily Worker and you people for your untiring efforts."**

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Minutes later Armstrong trotted out to the ring and was received with a tremendous hand by the crowd which was packed into every square inch of the place. . . . We have never seen any fighter previously get applause at Stillman's Gym—but Henry is obviously still beloved by fans the world over as this made it clear.

He went two fast rounds with a slender and fast Negro sparring partner. Henry went in fast, laid his head on his mate's left shoulder and proceeded to batter away as of old. At no time during the two full rounds were the fighters ever more than eight inches apart. It was as if you were watching him fight three years ago—the incessant punching, the bobbing and weaving, the throwing of sharp left hooks coming out of a clinch, the thunderous right overhand cross from twelve inches out . . .

It was fast and furious and you dug deep down into you and thought: Can it be possible that this man, at thirty, and after 13 years in the ring, could be good enough to whip a fighter like Beau Jack?

We couldn't answer the question and walked out of the gym in a daze, thinking and thinking, but not very clearly.

Train to Handle Cargo Under Fire

Sixty-six officers of the Navy's Construction Battalion Specials, training for the hazardous job of loading or discharging cargoes and handling dock operations and shore construction operations under fire, will start attending school today on the New York waterfront.

The officers, mostly engineers, steamship men and transportation experts commissioned from civilian life by the Navy because of special professional qualifications, have just completed an indoctrination course at the Sea Bees' training center, Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Va.

The New York dockside program will be the final phase in their instruction and will include practical experience in loading, cargo stowage and terminal management.

When graduated after a month's training, the officers will be assigned to Sea Bees Special units, self-contained contingents known in the Navy as "the first to land and the last to leave." They include specialists in anti-aircraft fire, machine gunners and camouflage experts who, when the "Marines have landed," in accordance with American Naval tradition, will be right there or ahead of them.

The New York City training program for the Sea Bees Specials will be under command of Commander H. R. Patterson, U. S. N. R., who has set up offices at 3rd Naval District Headquarters, 90 Church St. Lieut. William Q. S. Andrews, (C. E. C) U. S. N. R. is his executive officer.

Commander Patterson, in revealing details of the training program, declared that the Sea Bees already have proved of tremendous value in far-flung Naval activities.

"The Sea Bees' job is tough and dangerous but there's a real appeal in it to a he-man who wants to do a vital job for his country," he said. "When the history of this war is finally written the Sea Bees will have a long chapter, and it will be full of real hard-fighting courage and outstanding service."

Rep. Miller Backs Union on Bills

(Special to the Daily Worker)

HARTFORD, March 31.—Full assurance of opposition to the Hobbs "anti-racketeering" bill and support for the Tolan-Pepper war planning bills has been given Colt's Industrial Union, Local 270, of the United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers, by Congressman William J. Miller in a letter received by the union recently.

The statement from Congressman Miller came in response to a letter sent him by Joseph Lovely, the local's recording secretary.

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CONSTANT READER

Some Rough Notes for a Future Study of Gremlins And Their Activities

By SENDER GARLIN

GREMLINS have faced countless accusations in recent months. They have few defenders; seldom does a voice speak up in their behalf. Nor shall I defend them.

For one thing these Gremlins have never been identified, traced to their lair, so to speak. Nevertheless, I am firmly convinced that Gremlins were responsible for making somewhat unintelligible my valedictory column on the State Legislature last Saturday.

From faraway Albany (150 miles as the crow flies via New York Central), I had sent a substitute paragraph to take the place of one in which a minor factual error had insinuated itself into the original copy. Well, I didn't get the substitute paragraph; instead the Gremlins liked the wrong one so much they set it up on the linotype two, maybe three times.

When I glanced at the column in Albany I felt somewhat baffled. To be more truthful, I was worried. Now the readers will think, I said to myself soberly, that this columnist has taken to drink—in celebration of the adjournment of the Legislature. But I quickly dismissed this thought from my mind, knowing how firmly convinced is the public that neither Senators, Assemblymen, nor legislative correspondents ever take a drop.

Finally, I came to the conclusion that the Vast Public would ultimately come to the same conclusion to which I came: that the cause of the whole business was the Gremlin tribe.

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Now the Gremlins, you know, are organized on a world-wide scale. While they have neither paid officers nor business agents (they don't even publish an official journal), their influence is all-pervasive. They even operate on telegraph wires, so that if you send a news dispatch saying that "186 delegates were in attendance" at a CIO-AFL legislative conference in Schenectady, the Gremlins fix it so the sentence reads "nearly 186 delegates."

Nor is this all. Even sexes are miraculously changed by the Gremlins. A hapless state AFL official is turned into Mrs. So-and-So. And to guarantee that the crime is made irrevocable, the "he" is changed to "she" in the subsequent sentence.

These Gremlins have been operating for years, although it's only in recent times that people began to pay serious attention to them. In this very newspaper some years ago, for example, a very important document which contained the assertion that "unemployment is growing by leaps and bounds" had its meaning quite radically changed when the sentence was made to read "unemployment is growing by leaps and bonuses." Which, you see, is quite a different thought.

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It goes without saying that the Gremlins have their branches in the "big" papers, too. By big is meant, of course, those newspapers that publish big display advertisements from department stores. Somehow less attention is paid to their mischief in these papers because—although they are purchased in huge quantities—a different attitude prevails toward these publications. Socially-minded Gremlins, no doubt, were responsible for the twist in the Hearst San Francisco Examiner story. "Heart disease is Nation's scourge," said the opening paragraph. The Gremlins changed the word "Heart" to "Hearst."

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Additional proof is the fact that a leading American newspaper published an interview with an allegedly battle-scarred general. The day after the story appeared the paper published a correction saying that the general was referred to incorrectly as a "battle-scared veteran." The sentence should have read, the paper pointed out, "bottle-scarred veteran." I never did find out whether they got around to making a further correction.

1793

JEFFERSON SAID:

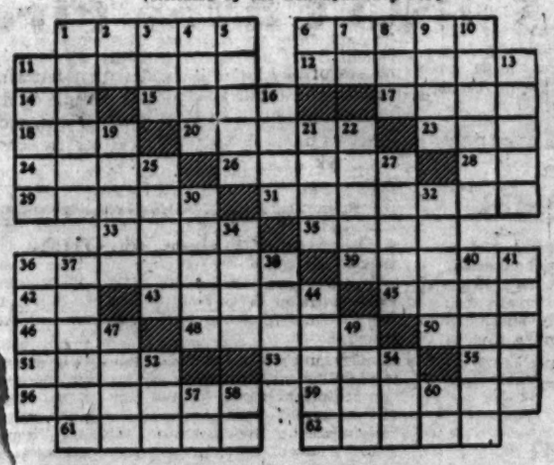
"We surely cannot deny to any nation that right whereon our own government is founded, that every one may govern itself according to whatever form it pleases, and change these forms at its own will; and that it may transact its business with foreign nations through whatever organ it thinks proper, whether King, Convention, Assembly, Committee, President, or anything else it may choose. The will of the nation is the only essential thing to be regarded."

To Gouverneur Morris, March 12, 1793.

Earl Browder will speak on Jeffersonian principles of democracy Friday, April 9 (8 P.M.) at Cosmopolitan Opera House, 135 E. 55th St. Ambassador Claude G. Bowers has prepared a special paper to be read at the meeting.

Daily Crossword Puzzle

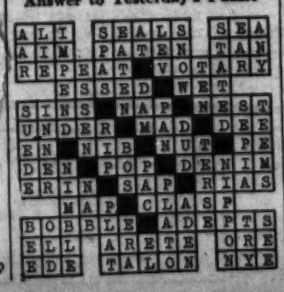
(Released by the Bell Syndicate, Inc.)



HORIZONTAL
1 To hang loosely from
6 Under-age person
11 A tentacle
12 Eluded
14 To exist
15 Prohibits
17 Implement for smoking
18 To free
20 To cook
23 Bird's beak
24 A shield
26 Regulations
28 By
29 Breaks with sharp sound
31 Lens-shaped seed of a Eurasian plant (pl.)
33 Prevaricates
35 Click beetle (pl.)
36 Feels indignant displeasure
39 Man's name
42 Mongols
43 Observes
45 Wan
46 A S. American wood sorrel
48 Shore birds
50 Cry of sheep (var.)
51 Lamb's pen name
53 Game played on horseback
55 150 (Roman numerals)
56 An eyelet
59 Analyzes and describes grammatically
61 A darling (familiar)
62 A water-pitcher (pl.)

VERTICAL
1 Plan
2 Note of scale
3 Ecclesiastical vestment
4 A fruit
5 A mistake
6 Pronoun
7 Four (Roman numerals)
8 Short sleep
9 Norse god
10 To rescind by authority
11 Discharges
13 Liabilities
16 Biblical character
19 Face of clock (pl.)
21 Winter vehicle
22 Singing voice
25 To orate (slang)
27 Belt-like piece of leather
30 Spanish title
32 The Mohammedan religion
34 Covered portico
36 A genus of tropical-American plants
37 "Father of geometry"
38 To pass over
40 Locations
41 Cures
44 Incline
47 Having wings like birds
49 Sliced cabbage salad
52 Wing-like part
54 Native metallic compound
57 Teutonic god
58 Nickname of famous outfielder
60 Senior (abbr.)

Answer to Yesterday's Puzzle



While Bombs Fell on Leningrad

The courage and vitality of the Soviet people caused them to protect their art treasures even while the 251-day Siege of Leningrad, depicted in the three scenes above was in progress.

By Walt Carmon

During the epic 251-day defense of Leningrad, the Hermitage, treasure-chest of so much of the world's culture, was moved to a place of safety in small army of workers, students, artists and art-experts worked on this job day and night, under the direction of Professor Orbelli.

In this way the world-famous paintings of Rubens, Rembrandt and many others were kept out of Nazi reach.

About the same time, while German siege guns and planes were blasting Leningrad and all its artistic treasures, Professor Orbelli presided at a meeting celebrating the 800th anniversary of the Azerbaijan poet Nizami. A good part of the speakers and audience had just come from the front, which one could "quickly reach by street car."

This is not an example of academic detachment which sometimes miraculously survives in a deluge of block-buster bombs. It is simply an example of the Soviet love of culture—world culture, as well as their own. To the Soviet citizen "culture," in its broadest terms, is as necessary as good black bread.

During the most trying days of the German encirclement of Leningrad in 1941-42 Commander-in-Chief Stalin ordered that Leningrad movie houses which still survived the bombings, be kept open 24 hours daily. The libraries, schools, art exhibits, theatres, lecture halls, all kept functioning within sound of the booming of cannons, the whistle of aerial bombs and the staccato of the ack-acks.

"Seventh Symphony" Completed

In September, 1941, after months of siege, Dmitri Shostakovich's world-famous "Seventh Symphony" was completed. Shostakovich, fire-warden, composer, was not alone. The whole Leningrad musical world continued functioning. There is the story of Boris Asafyev, "a thin man with a blue tam on his head and his shoulders wrapped in a white woolen shawl, seated on a bed." There were no electric lights. He blew on his fingers numb with cold while he wrote. Meanwhile the guns thundered.

Boris Asafyev is a government-honored "People's Artist," a musical scholar and composer beloved by millions. Since the war, under conditions we have described, he has composed "Stern Melodies"; a suite, "Suvorov"; a series of Russian nocturnes, "In the Night"; and a symphony "Country."

Asafyev was asked to leave Leningrad by plane and all arrangements were made for him. But he only smiled at that. Over twenty years before when Leningrad was also besieged, Lunacharsky, then Commissar for Education, also had arranged plane passage for him. he accepted it and tore it to shreds as he ascended the stairway of the building.

15,000 Concerts Given

This precious new work of Soviet composers, not only by Asafyev but Shostakovich, Prokofieff and others, was immediately brought to the fighting front. Leningrad reported that in the first eight months of the siege 15,000 concerts were given in front line hospitals, dugouts, trenches and entertainment centers for pilots, infantrymen, artillerymen and takmen.

The writers did a magnificent job. Nikolai Tikhonov, noted Stalin-Prize winning poet wrote for the press of the United Nations, "Leningrad's intellectuals, faced with numerous difficulties, were not lagging behind the city's workers. Actors, writers, artists and architects who did not join the army, helped to defend the city." Regardless of age or physical condition, they did fire-duty, build fortifications, gathered the harvest on farms. Many of them gave their lives.

The Leningrad theatre was equally self-sacrificing. Performances of new plays were given as long as there were electric lights. Simonov's "Fellow from Out of Town," "Under Berlin's Lindens" by Finn and Gus, and others were presented. But they were not always given completely or at one time. Performances were often cut short during alerts, while actors and audience dove into bomb shelters. With the all-clear signal, both returned to the theatre. Even the Musical Comedy Theatre gave a performance of events taking place at the "front"—which actually was on their doorstep.

Meanwhile, within three months of the siege, 27 movie houses gave performances for 1,600,000 people. At this time, too, the painters of Leningrad arranged a huge exhibition called "Defense of Leningrad."

Professors Took up Guns

The academic world continued to function. When the world famous Pulkovo Observatory was bombed and the telescope shattered, Professor Ogorodnikov took up his rifle and joined the army. His technical staff joined the guerrilla forces.

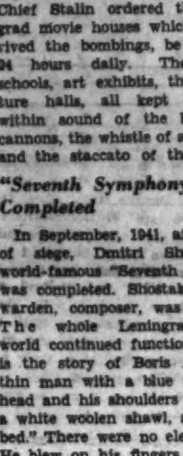
Even the children did their share. They extinguished fire bombs, served as messengers, helped in the city and on the farm. But they also went to school. While bombing attacks were a daily occurrence, 30,000 pupils from the 7th to the 10th grades and 60,000 younger school children continued their studies. There was no heat, no electric lights. There was little food. There was no ink, so pencils were used. They studied in school-rooms, bomb-shelters and private homes. Often windows were shattered while they studied. Often they were buried in the ruins of the school.

And all this time some of the finest artistic treasurers of the Soviet Union were pulverized. The world knows about the barbaric destruction of Leo Tolstoy's home at Yasnaya Polyanna; of Tschaikovsky's home at Klin, of Chekov's homes in Taganrog and Istra. These were national museums. The destruction around Leningrad received less attention.

The poet Tikhonov writes: "We shall never forgive the Germans for the destruction of our national monuments, the beautiful palaces at Pushkin, Peterhof, Gatchina, Pavlosk, the loot of valuable historical relics. They removed the statues and burned the pavilions of Pushkin Park. They destroyed the famous Turkish Tower, the Chinese Theatre, stole numerous relics, portraits, vases, burned thousands of rare and valuable books and destroyed a priceless collection of porcelain."

The Soviet citizen may go hungry, ill-clad and cold. But he will never forgive the wanton destruction of his sacred cultural heritage. He will fight to the death to defend what is still unharmed.

Praskovya Kuglyakova, a veteran textile worker who also worked in Leningrad in the dark days of 1917, put Soviet sentiments in these simple words: "It isn't death that is terrible, but life under fascism."



Helen Hayes as Harriet Beecher Stowe in the play "Harriet," at Henry Miller's Theatre.

RADIO HIGHLIGHTS

Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles Addresses Junior Chamber of Commerce, WEAF, 12:30 P.M. . . . Municipal Station Inaugurates Thursday Afternoon Symphony Concerts for High School and College Students, WNYC, 3 P.M. . . . Rebroadcast of "This Is Our Enemy," WNYC, 4:30 P.M. . . . Opening of New Manhattan CDVO Center; Speakers: CDVO Head Whalen, Mayor LaGuardia and Others, WNYC, 5:15 P.M. . . . Gov. Thomas E. Dewey's First Annual Report to the State Heard Three Times, WJZ, 7:05; WMCA, 8:35; WOR, 11:20 P.M. . . . Town Meeting Discusses Need for Army of 11,000,000, WJZ, 8:30 P.M. . . . Ethel Waters, Paul Lucas, William Bendix, Guests on Stage-door Canteen, WABC, 9:30 P.M. . . .

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SHORT WAVE

Radio Center Moscow—15:11, 19:23 Megs., 5:15, 6:30, 9:15 P.M.; 10:15 A.M.

MORNING

8:00-WEAF-WOR-WJZ-WABC—News
8:35-WNYC—City Consumers Guide
8:30-WJZ—Breakfast Club
8:45-WABC—Adelaide Hawley
9:00-WNYC—Masterwork Hour
WMCA—Alice Hughes
WJZ—Breakfast Club
WQXR—Women at War
9:15-WABC—School of the Americas
9:30-WHN—Francis Scott
1:00-WJZ—Isabel Manning Huson
WOR—Pure Food Hour
WNEW—Make-Believe Ballroom
WNYC—Women at War
10:30-WMCA—Living Should Be Fun
WJZ—Baby Institute
10:45-WNYC—Lest We Forget
11:00-WQXR—Other People's Business
WLIB—The Conductor's Podium
11:15-WEAF—Vic and Sade
WOR—Bessie Beattie
WNYC—Musical Souvenirs
WQXR—U. S. Navy Program
11:30-WEAF—Snow Village
WOR-WNYC—News
WQXR—The Concert Stage
11:45-WNYC—You and Your Health

AFTERNOON

12:00-WNYC—Music at Work
WQXR—Midday Music
12:30-WEAF—Address, Sumner Welles
WOR—News
WJZ—National Farm & Home Hour
12:45-WJZ—Victory Gardens
1:00-WEAF—Mary Margaret McBride
WOR—Military Band
WHN—Dick Gilbert Recorded Dance Music
WQXR—Symphony Hall
1:05-WNYC—CDVO Program
1:15-WNYC—New York Tuberculosis and and Health Association
1:30-WNYC—Pages of Melody
2:00-WOR—Martha Dean
WLIB—Afternoon Concert
WQXR—Chamber Music.
2:05-WNYC—Point-Rationing, Ruth Moysel
2:15-WNYC—Symphonic Matinee
2:30-WQXR—Charlotte Adams Nutrition Program
2:45-WOR—Mutual Matinee
WEAF—Betty Crocker
3:00-WNYC—Symphony Concert for High School and College Students
WLIB—American Composers Album
WJZ—Morton Downey
WQXR—Your Request Program
3:15-WLIB—Treasury Star Parade
WJZ—My True Story
3:30-WABC—Eastman School Concert
WLIB—Chamber Music
3:45-WNYC—News
4:00-WJZ—Club Matinee
WQXR—Symphony Hour
WLIB—This Is Romance
4:15-WJZ—Quest for Happiness
WABC—Green Valley, U.S.A.
4:30-WMCA—Civilian Defense News
WOR—Food Forum
WJZ—Our Men on Land, Sea and Air
WNYC—Rebroadcast of "This Is Our Enemy"
4:45-WNEW—Katherine Craven
5:00-WNYC—Music School Settlement Concert
WABC—Madeleine Carroll Reads
WQXR—Invitation to the Waltz
WLIB—Candlelight and Silver
5:15-WQXR—Estelle Sternberger
WNEW—Hollywood Digest, Paula Stone
5:30-WNYC—Recital Period
WNEW—Make-Believe Ballroom
WQXR—Great Masters
5:45-WNYC—Uncle Sam
WJZ—Secret City

EVENING

6:00-WEAF—Family Time
WOR—Uncle Don
WNYC—Recital Period
WQXR—Music to Remember
WLIB—Great Classics
6:15-WABC—Don't You Believe It, Jim Ameche
WNYC—Treasury Star Parade
6:30-WMCA—Sidney Moseley
WEAF—Bill Stern, Sports
WOR-WHN—News
WNYC—Selective Service News
WABC—John B. Kennedy
WQXR—Dinner Concert
6:45-WEAF—The Musical Sounding-Board
WOR—Bud Hulig
WJZ—Lowell Thomas
7:00-WEAF—Fred Waring's Victory Tune Time
WOR—Stan Lomax, Sports
WJZ—Victor Borge
WNYC—Instructions to Firewardens
WABC—I Love a Mystery
WQXR—Lisa Sergio
7:05-WJZ—Those Good Old Days
WNYC—Masterwork Hour
7:15-WMCA—Five-Star Final
WEAF—News of the World
WOR—Victory Is Our Business
WABC—Harry James Orchestra
WHN—Bert Lee, Sports
7:30-WMCA—Johannes Steel
WEAF—Bob Burns
WOR—Confidentially Yours
WABC—Easy Aces
WHN—News of Hollywood
WQXR—Great Names in Music
7:45-WOR—The Answerman
WHN—Ramon Lewis, Jr.
8:00-WMCA—Do You Hear?
WEAF—Fanny Brice, Frank Morgan
WOR—Singing Sam
WABC—Grapevine Ranch
WNEW—The Magic of Music
WQXR—Symphony Hall
WNYC—Swan Lake Ballet, Tchaikowsky
8:15-WHN—Women Correspondents Forum
WOR—Fight Night
8:30-WEAF—The Aldrich Family
WOR—The Busy Mr. Bingle
WJZ—America's Town Meeting of the Air
WABC—Death Valley Days
8:30-WMCA—Gov. Dewey's Report to the State
9:00-WEAF—Bing Crosby
WOR—Gabriel Heatter
WABC—Major Bowes' Amateur Hour
WQXR—News
9:30-WMCA—Dr. Frank Kingdon
WEAF—Rudy Vallee, Basil Rathbone, Joan Davis
WJZ—Victory Parade of Bands
WABC—Stagedoor Canteen
WQXR—Musical Cavalcade
9:45-WMCA—Voice of Freedom
10:00-WEAF—Jimmy Durante
WOR—Raymond Clapper
WJZ—Raymond Gram Swing
WABC—The First Line
WQXR—Record Albums
10:15-WOR—Wax Museum
WJZ—Gracie Fields' Victory Show
10:30-WEAF—March of Time
WOR—Paul Schubert
WJZ—Hollywood Radio Theater
WABC—Talk
WBNX—JJazz University, Berton
11:00-WNEW—Jack Stevens, Sports
WEAF-WOR-WJZ-WABC-WHN—News
WQXR—JJust Music
11:30-WEAF—Music of the New World
WBNX—JJazz University, Berton

'Moon Is Down' Is Muddled Attempt to Depict Nazis

THE MOON IS DOWN, produced and written for the screen by Nunnally Johnson from the novel and play by John Steinbeck. Directed by Irving Pichel for 20th Century. At the Rivoli Theatre.

By David Platt

"The Moon Is Down" is a muddled anti-Nazi film. It lacks virility as drama, and for all its good intentions, fails to excite. It fails because it tries to tell the story of the Nazi conquest of Norway in terms of the spiritual sickness of individual Nazis rather than in realistic terms of the crushing might of cut-throat swastika rule. It splits fine philosophical hairs over the nature of the Nazi mentality as though that is important at this time. It stresses real or imagined differences between one Nazi and another to the point of exasperation. It reminded me of a group of liberals getting together to discuss Hitler's sex life while he is busy setting up a fascist world.

One of the characters in the film is a handsome, lovesick Nazi lieutenant who quotes Heinrich Heine's love poetry to the widow of a Norwegian murdered by the enemies of poetry and love. It is difficult to stomach this super-polite treatment of brutes who specialise in mass murder. The other day I read where the Nazis tortured a Red Army captive to death by chiseling a red star deep into his skull. The Nazis are not poets but systematic killers of defenseless women and children. "The Moon Is Down" gets all hot and bothered about a lonely, frustrated Nazi "poet" who knocks politely on doors and timidly asks a pretty woman if he may please sit down and discuss poetry and make love to her. Something of the true purpose of the fascist mind emerges in the thrilling play "Counter-attack" and the film "Diary of a Nazi" but not in "The Moon Is Down."

Synthetic Creations

In "The Moon Is Down," a muddled, kindly middle-class democrat (Henry Travers) is pitted against a "philosophic" Nazi Colonel who has serious doubts about Hitler. Both types are purely synthetic creations in an atmosphere such as this, totally unrepresentative of the potent forces behind fascism and democracy.

Henry Travers' 'Mayor' is a puny symbol of the powerful Norwegian underground, flashes of which you see in "The Moon Is Down." Sir Cedric Hardwicke's 'Colonel Lanser' is an equally false symbol of the continental killer so well known to the occupied and oppressed peoples.

The characters portrayed by Travers and Hardwicke are perfect World War I types. The truth is that "The Moon Is Down" is profoundly related to 1914 and not at all to 1943. Colonel Lanser has more in common with the charming, cultured Prussian officer played by von Stroheim in Jean Renoir's World War I film "Grand Illusion," than with a jungle rat like Heinrich Heydrich, hangman of Lidice. Steinbeck apparently sees no difference between this war and the last. The whole treatment of the people's war against fascism in "The Moon Is Down" is typical of an attitude that believes fascism is so corrupt internally it will fall apart by itself.

Middle-Class Whisperings

That is why you don't see any organized movement of the workers in "The Moon Is Down," why the voice of the opposition is reduced to the whisperings of the middle-class mayor. The miners are there in the picture but they rarely come to life as human beings. The picture is so busy talking about the higher mental states of the Nazis, it has little time to devote to the underground movement—its structure, its workings, its real leaders, not the Mayor. You never get to know the thoughts of the opposition, merely the finished act of sabotage which hardly satisfies and leaves the audience uninvolved emotionally.

One clear-cut figure stands out and you get to know him very well indeed. The Quisling played by E. J. Ballentine is truthfully drawn from experience. The complex character of George Corell, the traitor is beautifully developed. The Nazis on the other hand are not drawn from life. They exist only in the mind of John Steinbeck. The Norwegian people are cold reflections of Steinbeck's "philosophy," not flesh and blood creations. "The Moon Is Down" is a let-down.

'Journey for Margaret' On Radio Program

"Journey for Margaret," stirring film based on William L. White's book, is the next vehicle for the "Screen Guild Players" program Monday, April 5. (WABC-CBS, 10:00 to 10:30 P.M., EWT.) Robert Young, Margaret O'Brien and Billy Severn of the original cast recreate their roles for the radio version. Anita Louise has the part played by Laraine Day.

Music for Workers

Night workers in the nation's war plants will work the "swing shift" to the soothing tempos of Blue Barron's orchestra when the "Show of Yesterday and Today," presented weekly by the Blue Network in cooperation with the OWI and War Manpower Commission, moves to a midnight spot beginning April 1.

The show, a radio bulletin board for the government agencies, will be heard each Thursday effective that date, from 12:30 A. M. to 12:55 A. M., EWT. For the past year it has been heard Sundays at 2:30 P. M., EWT.

Contributes from Army

Harold Rome, the noted playwright and lyricyst of "Pins and Needles" fame, is now in the Army but he continues to contribute his hilarious Gilbert-and-Sullivan ditties to the Crest Blanca Carnival show entitled "I'm Glad You Asked That Question," the Rome contribution for the Carnival show of April 21 will be about Hitler's birthday.

'Hitler' at Globe

Ward Bond plays the leader of a trio of Chicago gangsters in "Hitler—Dead Or Alive," which opened at the Globe Theatre yesterday.

Kenneth Spencer, who will take part in Clifford Burdetts "All Men Are Created Equal" program over WINS, at 5:30 next Sunday.

A scene from Ukrainian Soviet folk song "Natalka Poltavka" currently playing at the Irving Place Theatre, with, "Mad Emperor of Russia" and Alexei Tolstoi's "Golden Key."

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A Tax Victory

THE Ruml grab has been stopped.

Despite an unprecedented campaign, whipped up by reactionaries for the benefit of a handful of millionaires, the country was aroused in time. The AFL and CIO stepped in to the fight with very good effect. They showed what labor and the people can do on this issue and on all issues affecting the nation's welfare if they act vigorously.

Now that the Ruml grab has been stopped, the real pay-as-you-go tax proposals of the Treasury can get a clear field.

For the whole fakery of the Ruml scheme was to seize hold of a good thing—pay-as-you-go—and tack it on to a greedy, malicious thing—the cancellation of the income taxes of the richest groups in the country. Congress can also enact tax legislation based on ability to pay and do away with those loopholes which make it possible for the very rich to escape billions in taxes.

With the defeat of the cancellation of the upper class incomes, the pay-as-you-go plan as embodied in the Robertson plan can be debated on its merits.

The Robertson plan would cancel only the tax on the first $2,000 of taxable income in 1942. It is proper to cancel the 1942 tax debts of the lower income groups because these people do not earn enough to set aside any tax reserves the way the wealthier individuals and corporations do. Low income groups pay 1942 taxes out of 1943 wages; but the upper groups are able to pay 1942 taxes out of 1942 profits which they set aside.

But it would have been unjust and inflationary to cancel the taxes on the upper brackets because these are able to set aside tax reserves out of their large profits.

That the House was able to stop the Ruml grab right after the reactionaries jammed through the $25,000 a year salary grab proves that the tide in Congress can be turned.

Now what has to be done is to cement the gains made by the people, to fight for a real pay-as-you-go plan minus the Ruml steal provisions, for the President's original ability-to-pay tax proposals, and for a general program of anti-inflationary price control.

Crime Smear

CURRENT press attempts to smear the Negro people hit a new low for viciousness and slander.

The technique is twofold. First, every crime in which a Negro is allegedly involved, is displayed prominently, and labelled "mugging." Then, when "muggings" have been thoroughly identified with Negroes in the public mind, every crime of violence is called a "mugging" regardless of who commits it.

The police authorities have emphatically denied the existence of a Harlem crime wave. What, then, is behind the press smear campaign?

First, no doubt, there is the desire of real estate interests and others to keep the Negro people tied to the ghetto, and to maintain the grip of jim-crow upon them.

Second, in the case of the reactionary, obstructionist press, this is part of the fight of the unholy alliance of Southern tories and northern copperheads against a developing democracy that is spurred by war necessity.

What is to be done?

First, labor and democratic organizations of all kinds should explicitly condemn the press smear campaign, labelling it as such.

Second, Negro and white peoples' forces should unite to defeat the objectives of the press campaign by conducting more vigorous and sustained struggle for the elimination of all jim-crow practices, for full Negro rights in all aspects of American life and particularly in industry, and for abolition of the poll tax.

There is growing unity among the Negro people around this. It must be joined by all democratic white organizations in the struggle for application of the Four Freedoms here.

Finally, the **Daily Worker** has uncovered the fact that at least one of the reported "muggings" is a complete fraud, and there are suspicious circumstances surrounding some of the others. Every case should be investigated, and every attempt made to "frame" innocent Negroes must be exposed and fought by the people, white and Negro.

Answer the Attack

IF THERE were any honest people who had any doubts about the purpose of this Alter-Ehrlich meeting at Mecca Temple on Tuesday night, the leading speeches must have cleared them up. Those speakers who made the most unashamed and open incitements against the Soviet Union, those who suggested overthrowing it, destroying its influence at the peace table received the most savage and violent applause of this miserable gathering.

It was an open demonstration against an Allied power. That's what it was intended to be. So it will be judged everywhere, especially by the German propaganda agency that will know how to make the best use of it. And so it will be judged by the labor movement and the entire nation.

For this meeting was not only intended to besmirch the name of Soviet Russia. It was intended to dovetail with the big anti-Soviet campaign now being blown up by the enemies of our own national interests, the opponents of an early offensive, the enemies of the United Nations coalition.

The overwhelming majority of American workers have nothing to do with this anti-Soviet campaign. They are bound to look with amazement at those individuals who have permitted themselves to be enticed by the Social-Democratic clique for the purposes of this sinister campaign.

Closer bonds with our Allies, more insistent mobilization for the opening of a second front, rejection of the anti-Sovieteers wherever they may be must be the labor movement's answer to this shameful provocation.

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Debate and Action

By James S. Allen

THIS is a late stage at which to have a full-dress debate on the fundamentals of our war policy. The nation was under the impression that coalition with Britain and the Soviet Union had already become an axiom of national policy.

World Today

True, many forces fought against that policy, but as a rule these forces were identified as defeatist, appeasement and Fifth-Columnist. But now, at the most decisive phase of the war, the debate has been reopened and it is taking place primarily among sectors which have been considered anti-Axis but which differ in their approach to the cardinal question, relations with the Soviet Union.

If the debate is necessary, and events show it is, it is better to have it now, even though late, rather than postpone it until catastrophe makes a change in course impossible.

Clearly, no one would have thought to debate the question seriously unless there were a danger of our announced national policy being transformed into something else. The ambiguities and contradictions of American policy have led many to question whether we have a definitely set course. The uncertainty which surrounds American policy was defined aptly by Gardner Cowles Jr., director of the OWI's domestic division, in a speech in Washington:

"It is the United States and not Soviet Russia which today presents the world's greatest enigma."

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IS IT ANY surprise, then, that the uncertain and wavering state of our national policy should prove fertile ground for the Fifth Column and its ideas? Have there not been warnings aplenty that unless our national policy of coalition war is strengthened and implemented in action appeasement will seep into the whole structure?

If we learned anything from the past decade it should have been precisely that. The clearly-defined Fifth Column and its defeatist appendages, by themselves relatively small, exert a much broader influence through an affinity with important upper reactionary sectors which support the war.

This is seen most clearly in the case of The New York Times and its stand in the present debate. That paper expresses a traditionally reactionary position. As long as it thought that Hitler presented a real and immediate threat to the United States it suppressed some of its most flagrant imperialist and anti-Soviet opinions.

Now that the apex of Hitler's aggressions has been reached and passed, and there is no prospect in its opinion of a real and permanent threat from Germany to exclusive American ambitions, The Times perches itself again on its stool of former years.

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WHAT is doubly alarming is that The Times can dare to claim the authority of the national policy for its own position. A Times editorial, of course, does not provide our government's policy. But it does indicate to what a pass that policy has come when unreconstructed Municheers can claim it for their own.

The tragic thing is that there are certain governmental policies and actions which fit into The Times pattern. Standley expressed what The Times has been saying all along. The policy towards Franco Spain might very well be based on The Times editorials. The anti-DeGaulle policy, the concentration camps in North Africa for anti-fascists, support of Mikhailovitch in Yugoslavia, the pro-Finnish policy are pages out of the journal of Times Square.

But that does not mean that this is the whole content of American policy or that the other planks of The Times program are duplicated in Washington.

It is not too late to reverse the bad aspects of national policy, strengthen the good, and bring all into sharper focus.

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THE FIGHT has to be made now. The first issue is to win the war, and the fight has to be made primarily on the issue of the second front in Europe. If it is true that the contradictions of our foreign policy have been among the prime factors delaying a second front that does not mean that these contradictions have to be resolved before we can have the second front.

The conditions and relations of the global war as a whole are the prime factors determining our national action, the background against which the internal struggle takes place.

It is true that relations within the country influence the speed with which the necessities of the war are understood and acted upon. But developments in the war itself, changes brought about in the course of the war through the actions of our allies and our enemies, and the influence of these changes upon peoples place certain inescapable decisions before the nation.

External forces operate to hasten coalition warfare, the essence of which is the second front in Europe. This does not mean to say that its realization is automatically assured by the "logic of events." There are also other "logics" pointing in the opposite direction.

But the point is that the most compelling necessity of all, the national interest, requires a coalition second front. And the forces at home who react most positively to this national interest, stand the better chance of success.

So the key to resolving some of the contradictions of the national policy and to assuring the main fruition of the Grand Alliance is the second front. That is the decisive turn on the basis of which many problems will present themselves in a new way.

However, this change is not self-propelled. It needs the active intervention of the people.

There Were Germans Here

By V. Lidin
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MOSCOW, March 31 (ICN).—It was on a cold March morning that I accompanied Doctor Gelfand, the director of the city health department, to the barracks of Kursk prison. A few days ago bodies were discovered in the narrow, long prison barracks whose postures revealed to the expert eye of the doctor a story of violent death.

There were scores of unidentified people lying in postures as overtaken by death. To say that there were Germans here is the same as saying that this region was swept by a black plague. The corpses and a people broken by suffering were all that was left on this devastated land.

The Germans issued special instructions on breaking down the morale of the people.

FOUND PROSTITUTION

From the prison grounds we went to the venereal dispensary. In the doctor's office we had occasion to learn one of the darkest pages of the story of the German stay in the city.

The city administration had received from the Germans orders to recruit women for prostitution. A few days later 60 women with summonses in hand reported at the venereal dispensary.

The mobilization was carried out by enemy house superintendents and street stewards. When the women were gathered in the venereal dispensary, a commission arrived consisting of three German doctors and an interpreter.

The women were placed in a circle and the doctors began to examine them as if they were horses, and those declared fit were entered in the official lists of prostitutes. Among the women summoned were also several medical students who were disciplined by the street stewards.

CHILDREN DIE OF HUNGER

Thousands of children starved to death, the doctor's assistant Belevich told us. The Germans burned all the schools, churches, kindergartens, children's homes and sanatoriums.

Today 15 elementary and ten high schools are already functioning in Kursk. Two hundred teachers are already teaching school, and hundreds of orphans have been placed in homes. Special dining rooms have been built which cater to the children of Red Army men.

The retreating Germans took care to burn in the first place all houses built in the last two decades, and there was also a system to it, for precisely the best buildings built in these years were the schools, colleges, hospitals and polyclinics.

Nevertheless we would have to spend more than a day to visit all the restored institutions—mother and child health stations, the maternity home, two polyclinics, the surgical clinic, the tubercular hospital, the blood transfusion station. . . .

All this was built out of charred ruins, beginning with next to nothing. There were Germans here and they left behind ruined houses.

As the snow melts away it frequently reveals new crimes. But along with the death sown by the Germans, fresh shoots of the people's vengeance appear; and even in the burned and destroyed cities, amid the devastation and charred ruins of what had once been man's abode, we found no despair, but a contempt for death and an insatiable desire for vengeance.

How Jewish Girl Flier Downed a Nazi

By Sam Brown

MOSCOW, March 31 (ICN).—The Soviet press reports that the clear weather prevailing in the last few days has facilitated activity in the air, and that severe air battles are taking place daily.

Jewish pilots figure prominently in the reports of battles against large groups of German bombers and fighters. For example, during a raid of enemy bombers on a front zone town, a Jewish aviatrix, Junior Guards Lieutenant Lillian Litvak, was the first to attack the fascists. Wounded, she continued to fight and scored a third victory in single combat sending a fascist bomber to the ground.

On this sector of the front, in one day alone Soviet pilots participated in 18 air battles, downing 12 fascist planes. Two more German planes were bagged by AA gunners. Simultaneously Soviet pilots are raiding German positions.

During a reconaissance flight, the fighter pilot Gorelov entered into single combat with a Focke-Wolf. This fierce battle ended in a victory for Gorelov, who shot down the German plane.

On another sector, in the neighborhood of a crossing and railway, 100 German planes flying in six waves attempted a raid. The long and hard fought battle ended in a full victory for the Soviet fighters, who prevented the Germans from reaching their objectives, and the enemy was compelled to drop his bombs at random and turn back. Fifteen enemy planes were destroyed and eight more were disabled.

Among the Soviet pilots who have won distinction was the Soviet ace Akhmet Khan, who won his 29th victory, and Junior Guards Lieutenant Shapiro. He downed a Junkers, and when his ammunition gave out hurled himself in a frontal attack on two Messerschmitts, and without firing a single shot put them to flight.

Nationwide Celebration Of Jefferson Begins Today

Beginning April 1 the nation will observe the 200th anniversary of the birthday of Thomas Jefferson which occurs on April 13. Over 5,000 communities will honor the author of the Declaration of Independence with ceremonies stressing the significance of Thomas Jeffferson's ideas and achievements for America and for the World today.

Sponsored by the Bill of Rights Sesqui-Centennial Committee of the Council Against Intolerance in America, the importance of Jefferson's timeless statesmanship will be noted in schools, in churches, in civic orgnizations throughout the country.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt is Honorary Chairman of the Committee, Herbert Bayard Swope is National Chairman and James Waterman Wise is Secretary. Honorary Vice-chairman include every living Presidential candidate since 1920.

Mayors and governors have issued a proclamation calling on residents of their cities and of their states to observe the day with fitting recognition. Already over half the governors and several thousand mayors have signified their cooperation.

The culmination of the bi-centennial ceremonies will come with the dedication of the Jefferson Memorial in Washington on April 13, by President Roosevelt who is also honorary chairman of the Bill of Rights Sesqui-Centennial Committee.

Over 25,000 community programs have been sent, on request, to women's clubs, fraternal organizations, labor unions and church groups throughout the country containing specific suggestions for activities, music, drama, and speeches to honor Thomas Jefferson.

'Daily' Council News

Continuing the series of reports from sections on their activities in getting renewals from Worker subscribers and the possibility of recruiting these subscribers into the Communist Party, we present the following letter from the press director of the 12th A. D., Manhattan:

"In the words of one of our comrades, who had just returned from seeing some people on her list of renewals, 'Getting renewals is a wonderful "in" to getting recruits.' This attitude is reflected by all canvassers who are working for renewals of Worker subs. We have an 'in'—and in the 12th A. D. we intend to use it to the best of our ability.

"In one branch, we found we had 118 names to cover for the month of April; in another branch we had 48 names. Out of the 118 names, 85 expire early in April. We assigned five to six names per canvasser. To date we have eighteen renewals, and twenty-five recruits, eighteen of the recruits are directly from our renewals. The other seven recruits is a story in itself.

"When we received the renewal cards from the N. Y. State Daily Worker office, we immediately made our duplicate set of cards for use in the branches. We found that by setting up our files by streets we could work more easily and lay the ground work for future plans, such as the election campaign, intra-community functions, etc. A master list of subs by streets was then made up for the month of April alone. At a glance we could see how many subs were to be renewed on a given street. In some cases we had four, five or six names. This one group or one street was then assigned to a canvasser. On streets where the number of subs ran to twelve or fourteen, the names were divided between two people. This master list also showed which subs expired earlier in the month and how many Worker readers were neighbors of our members.

"It is pleasing to find that the comrades who volunteered to do nothing but work on sub renewals are so enthusiastic about this work that their enthusiasm has become contagious. After the original sub drive only four or five people still devoted their time to canvassing for the Worker. Now we have grown to a group of 20. You may not believe it, but it's true. Most of them devote a day a week. They know they are responsible for seeing each of the names on their assignment and bring in a report.

"The 12th A. D. has a large Armenian population. We have an Armenian member who speaks the language fluently. We assigned her to see Armenian subscribers. Through them she got the names of other Armenians in the neighborhood. We arranged a party for the Armenians in the neighborhood. A leaflet in Armenian invited them to attend a party given by the Communist Party. At this party we invited them to attend our next regular meeting at which we got seven Armenian recruits.

"For the Italian people in the neighborhood, we timed a mobilization to contact them on the day of a mass meeting for Russian War Relief. We got leaflets in Italian all about the meeting, and recanvassed our former six-week subscribers who were Italian and found they were interested in the meeting and the discussion usually ended in a subscription to the Worker. In this way we have recruited three into the Communist Party.

"Our members and branch leaders are convinced that our recruiting is as a result of the work done in the last subscription drive—and if a person reads the Worker for six months, you do have an 'in' to recruit."

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All Council members should be concerned with the fact that out of the 8,165 Worker subs expiring in April, there are still some 7,224 renewals to be gotten. There are some four weeks left in which to obtain the 7,224 renewals. At the rate we are going now, which is about 300 per week, there will be some 6,000 cancellations at the end of April. Of these some 2,000 are expiring in Manhattan, 2,300 in the Bronx, 450 in Queens, 2,400 in Brooklyn.

In Manhattan, the 3-5 A. D. is beginning to show some results. This week they did the best job. In the Bronx, the 6 and 7 A. D.'s are still doing the outstanding job. Bronx County as a whole leads all other counties. In Queens, with the exception of the 1st and 2nd A. D., the other sections are doing very poorly. In Kings the 16th A. D. took a big spurt forward, but the Ocean Front Section, the 17th A. D., the 18th A. D., and the 1-3-7 A. D. have not even gotten started.

If we are not to lost all the gains we have made in the Worker circulation in the last year, the question of getting renewals for subs expiring, particularly for the month of April, must become the central responsibility of the branches. The Daily Worker Advisory Council delegates can perform an outstanding service to the paper by guaranteeing that this is done.

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We are pleased to announce that at the Party Builder's Congress this Sunday at Manhattan Center, there will be a Daily Worker display done by an outstanding artist. Make sure the delegates of your branch, particularly those who have just joined the Party, see this display which will be a dramatic presentation of the role of the Daily Worker.

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All branches of the Communist Party with community centers will be presented with a three and a half by four foot bulletin board to be put on the walls of the headquarters. This bulletin board is being made up by the Daily Worker and the Worker's School. There will be place for announcements on activities of the branch as well as clippings of the Daily Worker and the Worker's School. Since the cost of making the bulletin boards is quite high, we are making only 50, which will be given to the 50 branches doing the outstanding work on the renewal drive.

MAKE EVERY PAY DAY
BOND DAY
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